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DURHAM, N. C., Monday, Nov. 14, 1904.

The Synod of North Carolina met in its ninety-first annual session on Monday, Nov. 14, 1904, at 8 o'clock p. m. in the First Presbyterian Church, Durham, N. C., and was opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. A. T. Graham, D. D., on the text—Luke 5:27-31.

After the sermon the Synod was called to order and constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called by Presbyteries, and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were present, and enrolled during the sessions of Synod:

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
D. I. Craig.	Col. J. N. Craig.	Reidsville.
Egbert W. Smith, D. D.	R. G. Lea.	Greensboro, 1st.
R. W. Culbertson.	E. C. Murray.	Cross Roads.
J. McL. Seabrook.	H. L. Cannon.	Buffalo.
	J. W. Paisley.	Bethel.
C. W. Robinson.	J. R. Finley.	N. Wilkesboro.
E. C. Murray, D. D.		
E. E. Gillespie.		
J. W. Goodman.	S. Strudwick.	Hillsboro.
	Joel Anderson.	Eno.
	David Thompson.	Fairfield.
	C. W. Johnston.	New Hope.
C. E. Hodgin.	E. P. Wharton.	Westminster.
B. W. Mebane, D. D.		
R. G. Matheson.	S. L. Claytor.	Durham, 2d.
E. R. Leyburn.	Geo. W. Watts.	Durham, 1st.
M. C. Arrowood.	F. H. Curtis.	Burlington.
R. W. Hines.	T. M. Cheek.	Mebane.
S. M. Rankin.	J. A. Allred.	Alamance.
E. L. Siler.	M. Shaw.	High Point.
W. T. D. Moss.	Dr. F. P. Venable.	Chapel Hill.

D. Clay Lilly, D. D.	J. M. Rogers.	Winston.
	A. C. McAlister.	Asheboro.

The following ministers of Orange Presbytery were absent: A. Currie, H. D. LeQueux, R. W. George, B. B. Palmer, Col., J. S. Morrow, Col., R. L. Wharton, S. C. Smith and J. C. Storey.—8.

The following churches were not represented: Asbury, Bethany, Bethlehem, Bethesda, Beulah, Clark Memorial, Bessemer, Ave., Danbury, Dan River, Ebenezer, Elkin 1st, Elkin col., Elim, Gilead, Graham, Griers, Hawfields, Jamestown, Jefferson, Leaksville, Lexington, Little River, Madison, Midway, Milton, Mt. Airy, Pine Hall, Pine Ridge, Pleasant Grove, Red House, Rocky Ridge, Roxboro, Sandy Ridge, Saxapahaw, Speedwell, Springwood, Snow Hill, Snow Memorial, Stony Creek, Thomasville, Wentworth, Wilkesboro, Worthville and Yanceyville.—44.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. Rumple, D. D.	E. B. Neave.	Salisbury,
W. W. Pharr, D. D.		
C. A. Munroe.		
J. B. Shearer, D. D.		
A. T. Graham, D. D.	Dr. H. L. Smith.	Davidson Col.
R. W. Boyd.		
W. C. Brown.		
W. J. Tidball.	A. C. McIntosh.	Taylorsville.
J. A. Gilmer.	J. K. Goodman.	Back Creek.
J. A. Scott, D. D.		
W. S. Wilson.	J. H. Sinclair.	Marion.
C. M. Richards.	J. C. Steele.	Statesville.
G. H. Cornelson.	W. W. Stewart.	Concord, 1st.
R. J. Hunter.	A. C. Davis.	Rocky River.
F. M. Allen.	T. B. Bailey.	Mocksville.
S. J. Crane.		
W. W. Edge.		
Edgar Tufts.		
C. W. Trawick.	A. McIntosh.	Hickory.
T. F. Haney.		
J. H. Grey.		
D. P. McGeachy.	G. W. F. Harper.	Lenoir.
W. M. Sikes.	C. A. Suther.	McKinnon.
	C. N. Sloop.	Prospect.

The following ministers of Concord Presbytery were absent: J. W. Davis, D. D., J M. Wharey, D. D., B. L. Beall, L. McKinnon, D. D., W. R. McLelland, E. E. Pressley, J. C. Kennedy, J. A. Harris, J. M.

Greenlee, John Wakefield, J. M. McLain, J. P. Hall, L. M. Kerschner, A. S. Caldwell and S. H. Williamson.—15.

The following churches were not represented: Banner Elk, Bethany, Bethesda, Bethphage, Blowing Rock, Cannonsville, Centre, Chestnut Hill, China Grove, Cleveland, Clio, Concord, (Ire.,) Cove Creek, Elk Park, Elmwood, Estatoe, Fifth Creek, Franklin, Gilwood, Glen Alpine, Greenlee, Harrisburg, Micaville, Mooresville, Morganton, Newdale, Old Fort, Paint Gap, Patterson Mill, Pineola, Poplar Tent, Quaker Meadow, Shearer, Sherrill Ford, Shiloh, Siloam, Spencer, Spruce Pine, Tabor, Third Creek, Thyatira, Troutman, Turkey Cove, Unity, Waldensian, White Hall, Westminster, Yadkinville, Bridgewater, Cooleemee, Front Street, New Salem, Vine Valley.—53.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
H. G. Hill, D. D.	J. C. McCaskill.	Maxton.
A. N. Ferguson.		
K. M. McIntyre, D. D.		
P. R. Law.		
W. F. Thom.	J. M. McIver.	Gulf.
M. D. McNeill.	Lynn McIver.	Sanford.
L. L. Little.		
W. R. Coppedge.		
C. G. Vardell, D. D.		
H. T. Graham.		
J. M. Rose, D. D.	J. P. Maxwell.	Ida Mills.
W. T. Walker.		
J. K. Roberts.	John Campbell.	Carthage.
V. G. Smith.		
L. Smith.	Wm. McCorquodale.	Bluff.
D. Munroe.		
E. M. Souders.	J. H. Kirby.	Kenley.
	E. N. Booker.	Oakland.
Joseph Evans.	J. C. Britt.	Bensalem
R. S. Arrowood.	J. W. Graham.	Bethesda.
	J. H. Currie.	Gallatia.
	R. Bryan.	Jonesboro.

The following ministers of Fayetteville Presbytery were absent: David Fairley, J. S. Black, K. A. McLeod, M. N. McIver, W. C. Buchannan, C. F. Rankin, G. T. Pace, L. A. McLaurin, J. A. Calligan.—9.

The following churches were not represented: Aberdeen, Antioch, Ashpole, Bakers, Barbecue, Bethcar, Bethel, Big Rockfish, Buffalo, Cameron Hill, Cameronian, Centre, Church of Cov. Culdee, Cypress, Dunn,

Ellerbe Springs, Euphronia, Fayetteville, Flat Branch, Gibson, Godwin, Hamlet, Haywood, Hillside, Hope Mills, Iona, Jackson Springs, Laurel Hill, Laurinburg, Lebanon, Longstreet, Lumber Bridge, St. Andrews.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
A. McFadyen.		
Peter McIntyre.		
A. D. McClure, D. D.		
S. H. Isler.		
R. M. Williams.		
J. M. Wells, Ph. D.	B. F. Hall.	Wilmington 1st.
R. M. Mann.	W. L. Hill.	Warsaw.
J. S. Crowley.	W. P. M. Currie.	
K. McCaskill.		

The following ministers of Wilmington Presbytery were absent: Colin Shaw, L. E. Wells, T. D. Johnston and L. W. Curtis.—4.

The following churches were not represented: Bethcar, Black River, Bladenboro, Benlah, Burgaw, Caswell, Chadborne, Clarkton, Chinquepin, Clinton, Cobbs Mills, Croaton, Cronly, Duplin Roads, Elizabethtown, Faison, Grove, Harmony, Hebron, Hopewell, Immanuel, Keith, Maple Hill, Mt. Horeb, Mt. Olive, Mt. Williams, Mt. Zion, New Hope, Oakplain Pike, Pollocksville, Rockfish, Smiths, Southport, South River, Stanford, Sweet Home, Teacheys, Topsail, Verona, White Hall, White Plain, Whiteville, Wildwood, Hallsville, Goshen, Grove and Bethbirel.—48.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. M. Grier, D. D.	J. M. Wilson.	Bethel.
	T. F. Stevenson.	Huntersville.
William Black.		
T. J. Allison		
J. R. Howerton, D. D.	E. T. Cansler.	Charlotte, 1st.
J. R. Bridges, D. D.		
G. C. Huntington.		
G. W. Belk.	Dr. A. J. Crowell.	Tenth Ave.
G. L. Cook.	S. M. Henderson.	Paw Creek.
A. J. McKelway, D. D.		
G. H. Atkinson.		
P. H. Gwynn.	John McDowell.	Steel Creek.
J. B. Mack, D. D.	Dr. J. T. Kell.	Banks.
M. D. Hardin, D. D.	William Anderson.	Charlotte, 2nd.
T. W. DeVane.	C. H. Wolfe.	Amity.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
	J. P. Sample.	Carmel.
	R. S. Barnett.	Hopewell.

The following ministers of Mecklenburg Presbytery were absent: J. R. McAlpine, S. C. Boyce, J. W. Moore, J. A. Dorritee, S. H. Spencer, J. A. Murray, A. H. Temple, W. O. Sample, W. H. Davis, D. McIver, J. H. Dixon, J. E. Summers, H. M. Pressly, L. D. Noel, E. B. Robinson and M. M. Walsh.—16.

The following churches of Mecklenburg Presbytery were not represented: Albemarle, Alton, Barclay, Bethlehem, Beulah S., Beulah U., Cook Memorial, Lilesville, Lebanon, Mallard Creek, Matthews, Monroe, Morven, Mulbury, Mizpah, Newell, New London, Norwood, Pleasant Hill, Providence, Pineville, Philadelphia, Polkton, Ramah, Robinson, Salem, Siler, Sharon, Seversville, Sugar Creek, Waxhaw, Wadesboro, Westminster, Williams Memorial.

VI.—ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
G. W. Farries.		
James Thomas.		
E. D. Brown.		
L. C. Vass.		
W. D. Morton, D. D.		
E. P. Bradley.		
H. S. Bradshaw.		
J. E. Wool.		
J. H. Henderlite.	J. R. Clack.	Henderson.
	O. B. Eleanor.	Brookston.
F. G. Hartman.		
A. H. Moment, D. D.	Leo D. Heartt.	Raleigh 1st.
M. McG. Shields.		
	C. M. Brown.	Washington.

The following ministers of Albemarle Presbytery were absent: J. H. Jarvis, R. W. Alexander, and C. W. McDanald.—3.

The following churches were not represented: Atkinson Memorial, Aurora, Cann Memorial Calvary, Dover, Falkland, Geneva, Goldsboro, Grassy Creek, Greenville, La Grange, Littleton, Louisburg, Makelyville, Nahalah, Newbern, Nutbush, Oak Hill, Olivet, Oxford, Parmele, Payne's Memorial, Roanoke, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount, Scotland Neck, Shiloh, Strickland, Tarboro, Warrenton, Weldon, Wilson and Youngs Memorial—36.

VII.—ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
R. F. Campbell, D. D.	H. N. Lockwood.	Asheville.
R. P. Smith.		
C. C Brown.		
R. B. Grinnan, D. D.		
J. C. Hardin.		
V. H. Starbuck.		

The following ministers of Asheville Presbytery: E. A. Sample, R. S. Eskridge.—2.

The following churches were not represented: Andrews, Bethel, Brevard, Bryson City, Centre, Covenanters, Davidson River, Dillsboro, Franklin, Haysville, Hendersonville, Highlands, Jennie Spear Memorial, Midway, Mills River, Morrison, Murphy, Oak Forest, Preston, Robbinsville, Swannanoa and Waynesville.—

VIII.—KINGS MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
R. A. Miller.		
G. A. Sparrow.	D. J. Howe.	Olney.
W. R. Minter.		
S. L. Cathey.		
W. A. Murray.		

The following ministers of Kings Mountain Presbytery were absent: R. Z. Johnston, J. J. Kennedy, R. C. Morrison, T. F. Boozer, M. A. Henderson, T. C. Croker, J. M. Forbis, J. B. Cochrane and Cornelius Miller.—9.

The following churches were not represented: Beatieville, Belmont, Bessemer City, Bethany, Brittain, Castanea Grove, Cherryville, Columbus, Dallas, Drusilla, Duncans Creek, Elbethel, Forest City, Gastonia, Henrietta, Hephzibah, Ironton, Kings Mountain, Lincolnton, Long Creek, Lowell, Machpelah, Mooresboro, Mt. Holly, New Hope, Rutherfordton, Sandy Plains, Shelby, Shiloh, Stanley Creek, Union, Unity and Waco.—33.

The foregoing roll shows the names of 107 Ministers and 64 Ruling Elders present, making a total of 171. There were also present 5 Corresponding Members and 10 Visiting Brethren, making a sum total of 186.

Sixty-nine Ministers were absent, and 341 churches were not represented.

The Rev. J. M. Grier, D. D., of Mecklenburg Presbytery was elected Moderator, and the Rev. A. J. McKelway, D. D., and Rev. R. M. Mann were chosen Temporary Clerks.

It was ordered that the daily Sessions of Synod be from 9:30 o'clock a. m. till after the 11 o'clock service. From 3 o'clock p. m. to take recess at will, and from 8 o'clock p. m. to adjourn at will. It was also ordered that Bishop Cheshire of the Protestant Episcopal church, be given the privilege of the floor to-morrow morning at 10:15 o'clock, on the Divorce Question; and that the Rev. Dr. T. H. Law be heard immediately after on the Bible Cause.

The Synod then adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Dr. G. L. Leyburn to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

DURHAM, N. C., Tuesday, Nov. 15, 1904.

The Synod met at 9:30 o'clock a. m. and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. J. Rumple, D. D.

The Rev. G. L. Leyburn, D. D., of the Synod of Mo., Rev. T. H. Law, D. D., of the Synod of S. C., and Rev. W. W. Moore, D. D., of the Synod of Va., as Corresponding Members, and Bishop Cheshire and Rev. S. S. Bost of the Protestant Episcopal Church and Rev. C. J. Parker of the Baptist Church and Rev. Mr. Yeargan of the M. E. Church, as visiting brethren, were introduced to Synod and invited to sit as Corresponding Members and visiting brethren, respectively.

The time having arrived to hear Bishop Cheshire of the Diocese of N. C. in reference to the Divorce Question, he

was accordingly heard; and in reply to his address, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved 1, That Synod has heard with deep interest the resolutions of the Diocese of North Carolina, as presented by Bishop Cheshire on the evils of divorce.

2. That Synod appoint a special committee to take the matter presented under consideration and report to this body.

The Moderator appointed the following committee: Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., Rev. A. H. Moment, D. D., Elder B. F. Hall.

The Synod then heard the Rev. T. H. Law, D. D., Agent for the American Bible Society, on the great work of that Society.

It was ordered that the Executive Committe on the Bible Cause, bring in a response to the address of Dr. Law.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved, and the Minutes of the last Stated Meeting, having been printed, were approved without reading. The following *Ad Interim* minutes were also read and approved.

AD INTERIM MINUTES.

Since the last meeting of Synod, and in accordance with the Standing Rule 25, the Moderator has made the following appointments:

January, 1904.—1. The Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., was appointed to prepare a Memorial sketch of the life and labors of the Rev. Robt. E. Caldwell, D. D. deceased.

February, 1904.—2. The Rev. R. P. Smith was appointed to prepare a Memorial sketch of the life and labors of the Rev. S. W. Newell, deceased.

August, 1904.—3. The Rev. J. H. Henderlite was appointed to prepare a Memorial sketch of the life and labors of Rev. G.W. Lawson, deceased.

September, 1904.—4. The Rev. W. R. Minter was appointed to prepare a Memorial sketch of the life and labors of the Rev. W. H. Wilson, deceased.

These brethren have been duly notified of their appointments.

Attest: D. I. CRAIG,
Stated Clerk.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees :

1. *Devotional Exercises.*—Rev. E. R. Leyburn, Rev. R. G. Matherson, Elder G. W. Watts.

2. *Special Orders.*—Revs. A. D. McClure, W. T. D. Moss, Ruling Elder A. McIntosh.

3. *Bills and Overtures.*—Revs. A. T. Graham, C. G. Vardell, Joseph Evans, E. D. Brown, V. H. Starbuck and Ruling Elders J. W. Paisley, W. W Stewart.

4. *Judicial Committee.*—Revs. H. G. Hill, G. L. Cook, B. W. Mebane, W. C. Brown, W. R. Coppedge, J. S. Crowley, E. P. Bradley, Ruling Elders H. L. Cannon, J. C. Britt.

5. *Address to the Churches.*—Rev. E. W. Smith, Wm. Black, J. A. Scott, P. R. Law, G. W. Farries, R. A. Miller, W. A. Murray. Ruling Elders S. L. Claytor, J. H. Sinclair and J. W. Graham.

6. *Members of General Assembly.*—Rev. P. H. Graham, H. S. Bradshaw, R. W. Culberson, A. J. Crane, A. N. Ferguson. Ruling Elders R. G. Lea, C. N. Sloop, C. H. Wolfe.

7. *Union Theological Seminary.*—Revs. J. H. Grey, S. M. Rankin, L. L. Little, G. W. Belk, James Thomas. Ruling Elders, O. B. Ellender, A. J. Crowell.

8. *Systematic Beneficence.*—Revs. J. M. Wells, J. W. Goodman, Edgar Tufts, V. G. Smith, W. T. Walker. Ruling Elder Joseph Campbell.

9. *Statistical Reports of Presbyteries.*—Revs. W. D. Morton, J. McL. Seabrook. Ruling Elders T. M. Cheek, A. C. McIntosh.

10. *Report of Trustees of Synod.*—Rev. R. P. Smith, W. W. Edge. Ruling Elders A. C. Davis, J. H. Kirby.

11. *Treasurer's Report and Books.*—Elders L. D. Heartt, R. S. Barnett, B. F. Hall.

12. *Records of Synod.*—Rev. W. R. Minter, R. W. Boyd, J. K. Roberts. Ruling Elders E. B. Neave, J. C. McCaskill, J. P. Sample.

13. *Records of Presbyteries.*—

(a) Orange—Rev. J. M. Rose, Elder Wm. Anderson.

(b) Concord—Rev. C. E. Hodgin, Elder Dr. J. T. Kell.

(c) Fayetteville—Rev. W. S. Wilson, Elder C. M. Brown.

(d) Mecklenburg—Rev. J. H. Henderlite, Elder J. C. Steele.

(e) Albemarle—Rev. G. W. Belk, Elder J. H. Currie.

(f) Asheville—Rev. R. A. Miller, Elder J. P. Maxwell.

(g) Wilmington—Rev. M. McG. Shields, Elder E. N. Booker.

(h) Kings Mountain—Rev. A. McFadyen, Elder M. Shaw.

14. *Leave of Absence.*—Revs. E. C. Murray, J. A. Gilmer and Ruling Elders S. M. Henderson, D. J. Howe.

The annual report of the Directors and Trustees of Union Theological Seminary was received and read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Union Theological Seminary—See Report in Appendix.

A complaint against Wilmington Presbytery was presented and referred to the Judicial Committee without reading.

The report of the Treasurer of Synod was received and read, and the report together with the Treasurer's Books were referred to the Standing Committee on the Treasurer's Report and Books.

The report of the Treasurer of Synod is as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Rev. D. I. Craig, Treasurer; in account with the Synod of North Carolina, for the year ending November 1, 1904, would respectfully submit the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hand, November 1, 1903	$104.43	
Orange Presbytery, assessment for 1904	55.00	
Fayetteville presbytery, assessment for 1904	75.00	
Wilmington Presbytery, assessment for 1904	35.00	
Concord Presbytery, assessment for 1904	60.00	
Albemarle Presbytery, assessment for 1904	20.00	
Mecklenburg Presbytery, Bal. on assess. for 1902	10.00	
Mecklenburg Presbytery, assessment for 1903	65.00	$424.43

The following Presbyteries are in arrears to the Synod's fund:

Mecklenburg, assessment for 1904	$65.00
Albemarle, assessment for 1904	20.00
Asheville, assessment for 1904	15.00
Kings Mountain, assessment for 1904	20.00
Total Amount Due	$120.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid traveling expenses of Dr. G. B. Strickler to Synod	$17.50	
To Loftin & Co., printing minutes of 1903	120.00	
Express, Postage, Drayage and Mailing the same	29.35	
Printing Docket of 1904	2.50	
Salary of Stated Clerk for the year 1904	100.00	
Office Expenses for the year, Postage, Stationery, Blank Books etc.	2.74	$272.09
Balance in Bank, November 1, 1904		$152.34

Respectfully Submitted,
D. I. CRAIG, Treasurer.

The Statistical reports of the Presbyteries, and the reports on Systematic Beneficence were presented and referred to the Standing Committee on these subjects.

On motion recess was taken for five minutes.

After recess, according to Standing Rule, the Synod proceeded to the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. A sermon was preached by the Rev. A. H. Moment, D. D., on the text "Come now, and let us reason

together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow: though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."—Isa. 1:18. After the sermon, the Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D. and the Rev. B. W. Mebane, D. D. presided at the table, made suitable remarks, and administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. And at the close of the Communion Service, the Memorials of deceased brethren, who have died since the last meeting of Synod, were presented and read by those who had been previously appointed by the Moderator. The names of the deceased brethren are Rev. R. E. Caldwell, D. D., Rev. S. W. Newell, Rev. G. W. Lawson and Rev. W. H. Wilson, and the Memorials are as follows in the order named:

REV. ROBT. E. CALDWELL, D. D.

Robert Earnest Caldwell was born in Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 18, 1858, and died in Philadelphia Jan. 3, 1904, after a serious surgical operation.

Dr. Caldwell was descended from a long line of distinguished Presbyterian ministers, among whom were the Rev. Dr. Alexander Craighead and the Rev. Dr. David Caldwell, whose names are indissolubly linked with all that is most glorious in the early history of Presbyterianism in North Carolina.

After spending 3 years in study at the State University, Mr. Caldwell entered the famous law school of Judges Dick and Dillard, at Greensboro, intending to devote himself to the profession that had been graced by his distinguished father, the Hon. Walter Pharr Caldwell. But before he had completed his course of study in the law, there came to him a louder call, which echoed and re-echoed in his heart in the solemn refrain "Woe is me, if I preach not the gospel!"

In obedience to this call he entered Union Seminary, Virginia, in the fall of 1881, and after completing the full course in this institution, he took a year post-graduate work at Princeton.

He was licensed by Orange Presbytery in the spring of 1884, and later, in the same year, was ordained by Louisville Presbytery and installed the first pastor of South Frankfort church, Kentucky.

In 1900 Mr. Caldwell received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Central University, which in conferring this honor upon him was only setting its seal to the testimony of the Presbyterians of his adopted state to his ability and worth.

The larger part of Dr. Caldwell's ministry was spent at Winston, N. C., where for eleven years as pastor of one of the most important churches of the Synod, he found an ample field for the exercise of his rare gifts. During his pastorate at Winston more than five hundred new members were added to the church and over $50,000 was contributed to ecclesiastical and benevolent causes. In addition to his laborious work as pastor, he was one of the most faithful and efficient members of his Presbytery and of the Synod of North Carolina, and his brethren in these bodies will miss his wise counsel and his energetic and unselfish service.

Dr. Caldwell was "a man of cheerful yesterdays and confident to-morrows," full of magnetic optimism and warm comradeship. The cordial handshake, the contagious laugh, the sunshine of his face, as full and spontaneous as the light of day—who that knew him can ever forget these? And best of all, "the beauty of the Lord His God was upon him," shedding forth a holy "light that never was on sea or land."

R. F. CAMPBELL.

REV. SAMUEL WASHINGTON NEWELL.

S. W. Newell was born August 25, 1845, in Cabarrus county, N. C. Soon after his birth his parents removed to Mississippi where his boyhood was spent farming and attending the public schools of the neighborhood. In 1862 he entered the Confederate army and served through the Civil war. Emerging from that fearful struggle he found himself penniless. Notwithstanding the discouraging conditions, he resolved to equip himself for a useful life. He studied in the country schools and under Rev. F. Patton, D. D., till 1870, when he entered the University of Mississippi, completed the full course and was graduated in June, 1874. In the fall of that year he entered the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C. To meet expenses he taught some classes in one of the city schools and served churches during his vacations. After completing the theological course, he was licensed by Chickasaw Presbytery. Having accepted a call from the Eutharlee Church in Georgia, he became pastor there in September, 1877, and served that congregation most acceptably for six years. In 1883 he accepted a call from the Denmark Church in Tennessee. There his health became somewhat impaired, so his physical strength was not equal to the requirements of the field, but

he remained at that post, giving faithful service till 1891, when he accepted calls from Amity and Newell churches, near Charlotte, N. C. For nine years as a gentle shepherd he led those flocks. Then came an urgent call from Asheville Presbytery to work in the mountains of Western North Carolina. In 1900 he removed to Palm, in Haywood county and took up the arduous labors of a Home Missionary. He served as principal of a parochial school, preached at five mission points, visited from house to house instructing and comforting the people. He endured many hardships, but was never heard to complain.

Mr. Newell's earthly labors were closed February 6, 1904, after a brief illness. The end was perfect peace, being fully resigned to God's will. His last words were: "Yea; though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." The funeral services were held in the Snyder Memorial building. The people came from the coves and from the sides of the mountains for miles and miles around to show their love and esteem for the memory of the deceased. The body was carried by loving hands and gently placed in the grave near that of his beloved daughter, who was buried there something over a year ago. At this season of the year the mountain friends did not have any flowers for the casket, but they watered the grave with their tears. After the grave was closed and the family had gone, numbers of people stood there and wept, loth to leave the friend who had done so much for them. All classes and conditions of people loved him. His gentle, godly life drew even the hardest of hearts to him, and thus won many for Christ. Truly it may be said of him: "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." Our brother was a faithful preacher of The Word, giving each his portion in due season. It does not fall to the lot of many to possess the rare gifts which he had for pastoral work, and well did he use them for the glory of God.

Mr. Newell was married to Miss M. S. Kimmons, of Hopewell, Miss., Sept. 4, 1877. This proved to be a most happy union. Mrs. Newell entered with full sympathy into her husband's work, giving it, in her sphere, her best strength and talents. They succeeded in making theirs a model Christian home. Three children are still living, two sons and a daughter. To these and the devoted wife in their sorrow we extend our sympathy.

R. P. SMITH.

GEORGE WILLIAM LAWSON.

Rarely has a death caused such a bewilderment of sorrow as that which was evoked by the sad event which is commemorated at this time.

Frequent as it is and grown however commonplace by repetition, death is always a grief compelling mystery. The death of a minister, the removal of a laborer from fields always wider than the thin ranks of the reapers can cover and already white unto harvest, can hardly be explained to a sorely perplexed church. Yet even then we reassure ourselves that the Lord of the harvest knows best of all and feels most of all the distressing problem of ripening fields and insufficient laborers.

But when we are called to mourn the loss of one who has stood where he stood to whose memory we now pay tribute our faith does not respond so readily and, even as we bow in submission, thoughts arise in our hearts. We wonder if there would perhaps have been a mistake this time—Some miscalculation, and like the bereft at Bethany, dazed and bewildered, we say to the seemingly tardy Helper: "Ah Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." As we touch with reverent fingers today these tangled threads where on the loom a King's garment lies torn and unfinished, it may be well even for the fathers and brethren to remind themselves that there are neither blunders nor accidents in the activities of Him "known unto whom are all His works from the beginning."

"God's ways seem dark, but soon or late
They touch the shining hills of day."

George William Lawson was born at Scottsville, Va., May 11, 1873. He received his education at the Farmville High School, Hampden Sidney College and Union Theological Seminary, Richmond. In October of 1895 he was ordained by West Hanover Presbytery, and at once entered upon pastoral work in a group of churches of which Gordonsville, Va., was the center. From there he went to Norfolk, Va., to take charge of a Mission of the First Church. Four years later he accepted the call to the Washington Church in this Synod. Here he had labored but two years, years full of happy service and achievement, where after an illness of three weeks he fell on sleep. His death occurred Friday, Aug. 12, 1904, in his 31st year. He left a widow, formerly Miss Jennie Thomason of Scottsville, Va., and a little son, just one year old.

Rarely has the church sustained a greater loss. The writer speaks from a personal knowledge extending through years of association at college and in the ministry, when he expresses the opinion that there was perhaps not a young minister of greater promise throughout the entire church than our lamented brother. But 31 years of age, in scholarship, in pulpit power, in strength and fertility of thought, and force and clearness of expression, he had already taken his stand in the first ranks of the ministry, and his brief career had furnished the surest pledges of distinguished usefulness and honor. "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen in Israel!"

Few men have felt a more assured call to preach the gospel or been more richly equipped in natural gifts and personal attainments. Like Timothy, from earliest childhood he had known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make the child "wise unto Salvation," and "the man of God perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." He could not go back to a time in his life when he did not love the Lord, and at the tender age of five years he expressed his purpose to be a minister of the Gospel. This appears to have been no childish whim but a resolve in which he never wavered.

His record at College was very fine. He pursued a course of study much broader and fuller than was required for his Bachelor of Arts Degree, yet in three years he graduated as a Second Honor Man; a member of the class of '92, one of the largest and most talented ever sent out from Hampden Sidney.

At Union Seminary, we are told, he read Theology with the same ease and pleasure that most men experience in the perusal of an interesting novel.

During his last two pastorates, in Norfolk and in Washington, the writer had an intimate knowledge both of the man and his work. He was a faithful and efficient Presbyter, regular and diligent, deeply interested in all the work of the church court, which work was never less to him than the Master's business. As pastor and preacher his works speak for him. In 1898 he took charge of a mission of the First Church, Norfolk, It soon developed into the Park Place Church, and when he removed to Washington four years later he left it self-sustaining.

In a short ministry of but two years in Washington he gained for himself a supreme place in the confidence and affection of his people and was rapidly winning the esteem and admiration of the entire town His presence was soon felt throughout the church, and his ability and enthusiasm imparted a distinctly new impetus to every department of its life and work. A year after he came a building was erected in a suburban district and the Payne Memorial Church organized.

Undoubtedly our brother was at his best in the pulpit, and this was the work he loved best to "preach the word" and to bring forth out of the treasures of divine wisdom "things new and old." Clear and logical in thought and free and untrammeled in delivery, he was "mighty in the Scriptures," which were never less to him than the "Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God." As a preacher he was classed among the foremost by his congregation; no ordinary praise. A church that has been so singularly favored in the pulpit power of its ministers; numbering on its roll of pastors such men as Drs. E. M. Green, S. M. Smith, Edward Mack, Charles Payne and J. N. A. Summerell.

In his death our entire church has sustained a real and distinct

bereavement, and has lost from its ranks a laborer that could ill be spared. Out of a sorrowful heart the Synod pays tribute to the memory of this brother. Death, which has "all seasons for its own," lies on him "like an untimely post."

"How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! O Jonathan, thou wast slain in thy high places. I am distressed for thee, my brother. Very pleasant hast thou been unto me. How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle and the weapons of war perished."

Nov. 15, 1904. JAS. H. HENDERLITE.

REV. WILLIAM HENRY WILSON.

The Synod of North Carolina having lost by death, since its last meeting, Rev. William Henry Wilson, a beloved member of this body, would place on its records, the following memorial sketch of his life, and loving appreciation of his character and services.

William Henry Wilson was born in Cumberland county, Va., August 24th, 1859, and died at his home in Stanley, N. C., on September 3rd, 1904, in the 46th year of his age and the 16th of his ministry.

He received his collegiate education at Hampden, Sidney College, from which institution he graduated in 1886. In the following fall he entered Union Seminary, graduating with the class of 1889. He was licensed to preach the gospel by West Hanover Presbytery in 1889 and later in the same year was ordained to the full work of the ministry by Concord Presbytery, when he became pastor of Norwood church and Evangelist of Stanley County.

In 1890 he became pastor of Trinity, Avon and Scottsville churches in West Hanover Presbytery, Va , where he gave five years of faithful service His next field of labor was in Lexington Presbytery, where he was pastor of Burnsville and Sutton churches in West Virginia. Here in the midst of a great mission territory he spent over five years—years of toil and self-denial. Illustrative of his zeal here, let it be mentioned that in this pastorate two houses of worship were built and built largely with his own hands. His last field of labor was within the bounds of this Synod, to which he came in 1900 to be pastor to Stanley Creek, Castanea Grove, Unity and Machpelah churches, then in Mecklenburg Presbytery but now forming a part of the Presbytery of King's Mountain. Here in a field demanding great physical endurance and greater prudence and grace, it was his delight to labor—known of all—loved of all. Fortunate these churches in having these the richest and ripest years of his ministry. As an instance of the unusual hold he had upon

all classes in his community its scarcely an extreme example to state that when about a year before his death he was considering a call to Indian Territory, a Roman Catholic adherent living nearby was among the number who voluntarily made a strong personal appeal to Bro. Wilson to remain. He was aggressive, yet wise, of watchful oversight, administrative skill and a plain pointed practical preacher, who lived and labored and for the last six weeks, suffered till the reprieval came and he went to be with Christ.

On Sunday, September 4th, 1904, in the presence of a sorrowing congregation, his funeral service was conducted at the Stanley Creek church, by Rev. R. A. Miller, assisted by Rev. S. L. Cathey and Rev. Mr. Fox of the M. E. Church; and his body was laid to rest in the burying ground hardby the church, where in life his voice was so often heard in prayer and sermon. He's gone from among us—and behind him is a vacant place in the militant ranks of this Synod. He's gone from among us—and a sad pastorless flock feel the keener grief. He's gone from among us—and keenest of all is the stricken widow and the eight children who to-day mourne the missing face, they looked and lost awhile.

This tribute, incomplete at best, must not be closed without some further of appreciation of Bro. Wilson, in those capacities wherein he especially shone.

In his pulpit.—His preaching was nothing if not original. His manner of stating, illustrating and enforcing the gospel was after no homoletical pattern. In illustration and anecdote he was both fertile and happy, and these were in his hands not for adornment or entertainment but for making simple and strong the gospel of our Lord. And this gospel at his lips was a vital, verile personal message from God. In direct and earnest manner without show of posture, with steady blows he drove the nail of truth and clinched it with a practical application or fervent exhortation.

In his home.—To know his home was a delight. He commanded his house after him. With tender affection he led his household by word and life to a good realization of the christian home. With special care and tact he taught his children the lessons of industry, frugality and benevolence and above these the blessed truths of God's Word.

In the Home Mission Field.—Whether in a Home Mission Field as we understand the term or a regular pastorate he always found and did a great deal of mission work. He had that intimate knowledge of men and affairs that made him a doer of things. He was an organizer and leader and to his constructions his works bears abundant testimony. May not his own work praise him? He came to his last pastorate to find the churches greatly discouraged, he left them constituting a united and attractive field. Though composed of four churches, no one of them strong, yet under him, they have contributed regularly to every

cause of our church as the Minutes of the General Assembly will show. He bound these scattered churches into a unit the strength of which was surprising. As an example of this, the last day of active service in his life was spent at Unity Church, where all his churches joined in a Sunday School Rally, and over which, though with a fevered body he presided for four hours.

The Christian.—He was an earnest and devout follower of Jesus. Always cheerful and buoyant, so much so that a stranger might think there was about him something of levity, yet full well his friends knew that beneath the humor of anecdote and the sunniness of face there was a seriousness of purpose and a depth of piety that commanded admiration. He was a fine type of a Calvinist; unswervering in his faith in God, indefatigable in the labors. Like the Christ who had loved and carassed little children, Bro. Wilson was the friend and delight of little children. And how those little folks, with less than five minutes acquaintance, would be clambering upon his knees is an eloquent portrayal of the true soul of the man.

Not only in health, as he rejoicing, led his people up to a throne of grace and opened unto them the word of truth, not only as he talked with them upon the highway or counseled and prayed with them around the fireside but also in the last trying season of weary weeks of suffering, his faith failed not neither faltered but with sweetest confidence waited the coming of the Messenger to call and bear him—*Home.*

The Synod would express its deep sense of loss in his death and convey to his bereaved family expression of its sincerest sympathy and assurances of earnest prayer in their behalf.

W. R. MINTER.

After the reading of the above memorials, tender and feeling remarks were made by a number of the brethren, and the memorials were adopted by a rising vote and ordered to be spread upon the minutes of Synod, and the Synod was led in prayer by the Rev. Dr. W. W. Moore.

The Synod then, according to Standing Rule, receded from business until 8 o'clock p. m.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

DURHAM, N. C., Tuesday, Nov. 15, 1904.

The Synod met at 8 o'clock p. m. and resumed business, the order of the day being to hear the report of

the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions, and to hold a popular meeting in the interest of that cause. Owing to the death of the Chairman of the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions, the Rev. R. E. Caldwell, D. D., and another Chairman not having been appointed, through oversight, there was no report on Foreign Missions prepared for this meeting.

The Rev. John M. Rose, D. D., presided, and after devotional exercises. offered the following resolutions:

Resolved 1. The Synod desires to renew its oft-repeated expression of devout gratitude to God for His manifest blessing upon the Foreign Mission work of our church—for the tokens of His Divine favor toward every element to propagate the Gospel among the nations—for the thousands who have been led to Christ through the instrumentality of our representatives in the foreign field—for the enlarged liberality of our churches in the support of the work—for the success which has attended the "Forward Movement," for the growing and deepening interest among our people at home; and the Synod body pledges itself to undertake and to do yet greater things for Christ in the extension of His Kingdom among men.

2. The Synod is most pleased to have present at the meeting two of its own men, honored of God in the foreign work, and to hear their rehearsal "of all that God has done, and how He opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles"—The Revs. L. L. Little and L. C. Vass.

Pending the adoption of these resolutions, the Rev. L. L. Little of our China Mission was introduced and addressed the Synod on "The Transition of China." The Rev. L. C. Vass of our Congo Missson addressed the Synod on "The Outlook in Africa." And these addresses were followed by an address from the Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D., Secretary of Foreign Missions, The foregoing resolutions were then adopted.

It was ordered that the Synod hear the Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., Chairman of the Executive Committee on Church and Christian Education, after the first call tomorrow morning; and that he be followed by Dr. Henry Louis Smith, President of Davidson College.

The Synod then adjourned with prayer by the Rev. W. W. Pharr, D. D., to meet tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

DURHAM, N. C., Wednesday, Nov. 16, 1904.

The Synod met at 9:30 o'clock a. m. and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. J. B. Mack, D. D.

The Rev. J. T. Gibbs of the M. E. Church, South and the Rev. C. S. Cashwell of the Baptist Church were invited to sit as visiting brethren, and the Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. D., of the Synod of Va., was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and all these brethren were introduced to Synod.

The minutes of yesterday's Sessions were read and approved.

Two Overtures were presented and read. One from Rev. M. C. Arrowood and Rev. C. W. Robinson of Orange Presbytery, asking Synod to define the status of certain members of the Winston Church. The other asking Synod to Overture the General Assembly to set apart a special day of Prayer to God for an increase of candidates for the ministry. The Overtures were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Standing Committee on the Records of Orange Presbytery, Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., Chairman made the following report which was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of Orange Presbytery would report recommending their approval.

The Standing Committee on the Records of Synod, Rev. W. R. Minter, Chairman, made the following report which was adopted.

Your Committee would report that they find the records of Synod have been correctly and neatly kept and approved by the General Assembly, and we recommend that they be approved.

The Standing Committee on the Treasurer's Report and Books, Mr. Leo D. Heartt, Chairman, made the following report which was adopted.

Your Committee have examined the Treasurer's Book and Report and find them to be correct, and the disbursements sustained by proper vouchers. Balance in hand $152.34. Your Committee notice that all the Presbyteries have not met their assessment, and would recommend that they pay same.

The Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence, Rev. J. M. Wells, Chairman submitted the following report which was adopted.

1. Your Committee reports the following table which contains a tabulated statement of all the Presbyteries and gifts to all the causes:

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

	Presbyterial Home Miss.	Synodical Home Miss.	Assembly's Home Miss.	Foreign Missions.	Colportage Sab. School.	Education For Ministery	Church & Christian Ed.	Ministerial Relief.	Colored Evangel.	Bible Cause.	Orphans' Home.	Miscellaneous	
Albemarle . . .	$ 1,601	$ 610	$ 255	$ 1,464	$ 176	363	$ 112	$ 183	$ 185	58	$ 777	$ 1,694	$ 7.478
Asheville . . .	2,268	. . . .	77	1,500	60	507	. . . .	68	46	49	120	511	5,205
Concord	4,096	1,250	386	4,792	178	337	2,859	172	110	156	1,877	2,084	18,297
Fayetteville . .	1,006	2,198	549	4,180	239	411	1,733	259	132	90	1,958	797	13,552
Kings Mountain	1,100	701	145	1,133	86	426	2,500	130	71	84	332	. . . .	6,708
Mecklenburg .	6,789	2,263	462	3,996	128	800	5,352	159	100	55	1,000	2,727	23.831
Orange	5,245	2,088	635	6.792	350	600	409	894	219	210	2,271	1,447	21,160
Wilmington . .	1,851	1,073	259	2,443	95	187	5,447	256	91	103	1,233	2,691	15,708
Totals . . .	$23,956	$10,183	$2,768	$26,300	$1,312	$3,631	$18,412	$2,121	$454	$805	$9,568	$11,951	$111,939

2. We rejoice to report that every Presbytery reports an increase of gifts to the benevolent causes as follows:

1.	Orange	$ 2538
2.	Concord	496
3.	Fayetteville	1352
4.	Wilmington	5100
5.	Mecklenburg	12199
6.	Kings Mountain	4297
7.	Albemarle	1340
8.	Asheville	975
	Total	$27797

3. There were 63 churches that failed to report. We would urge upon our Presbyteries the importance of securing reports from every church; and this not only for the good of the cause but for the good of the church itself.

4. Ninety-eight (98) churches contributed to all of the causes, being 6 more than contributed to all last year. We believe by judicious work on the part of the Presbyteries this number could be easily doubled.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. M. WELLS, Chairman.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Resolutions of the Diocese of N. C., as presented by Bishop Cheshire, on the evils of Divorce, made the following report which was adopted by a rising vote.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the matter involved in the paper presented by Bishop Cheshire submits the following:

1. The Synod of North Carolina has viewed with great alarm the largely increased and increasing number of divorces granted by the courts of our State, and the apparent ease with which such divorces are procured.

2. The Synod would direct the attention of the pastors and people to the Scriptural law of divorce as set forth in the "Westminster Confession of Faith," Chap. XXIV. Sects. 5 and 6, as follows: (5) "Adultery or Fornication committed after a contract, being detected before marriage, giveth just occasion to the innocent party to dissolve that contract.

In the case of adultery after marriage, it is lawful for the innocent party to sue out a divorce, and after the divorce to marry another, as if the offending party were dead.

6. Although the corruption of man be such as is apt to study arguments, unduly to put asunder those whom God hath joined together in marriage; yet nothing but adultery, or such willful desertion as can no

way be remedied by the Church or civil Magistrate, is cause sufficient of dissolving the bond of marriage: wherein a public and orderly cause of proceeding is to be observed; and the persons concerned in it not left to their own wills and discretion in their own case."

Therefore the Synod would faithfully bear her testimony that a divorce granted on other grounds is a henious offense in the sight of God and an injury to the well-being of human society.

8. The Synod does hereby appoint a committee to co-operate with like committees, appointed by other Christian bodies in our State, in memorializing the General Assembly of North Carolina, "urging such legislation as may be necessary to restore our divorce laws to their original simplicity."

JOHN M. ROSE,
A. H. MOMENT,
B. E. HALL.

The Moderator appointed the following committee as contemplated in the above report : Revs. J. M. Rose, D. D., A. H. Moment, D. D., R. F. Campbell, D. D., D. Clay Lilly, D. D., with Ruling Elders Dr. F. P. Venable E. T. Cansler and B. F. Hall.

On motion it was ordered that a Nominating Committee be appointed to bring in nominations for chairmen of the various permanent committees of Synod whose term of office expires at this meeting. The moderator appointed the following committee: Rev. W. W. Pharr, D. D., Rev. M. C. Arrowood, Rev. S. L. Cathey, Rev. P. McIntyre, Rev. G. W. Farries, and Elders Dr. T. F. Stevenson, J. M. McIver, and H. N. Lockwood.

The Rev. D. I. Craig was unanimously re-elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer of Synod for the ensuing term of three years.

The Rev. W. L. Cunningham, Rev. Dr. Beaman, and Rev. M. Troy of the M. E. Church, South, were invited to sit as visiting brethren and introduced to Synod; and Mr. W. B. Streeter, of the N. C. Children's Home Society, was given the privilege of the floor and introduced to Synod.

The Synod then proceeded to the order of the day, to hear the report of the Permanent Committee on Church and Christian Education. The report was presented and read by the Chairman, Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D. Pending the adoption of the report, the Synod was addressed by President Henry Louis Smith on the "Financial History of Davidson College."

The report was then adopted (see appendix) together with the following recommendations and appended Financial statement:

Your committee would recommend the apportionment of $3000 for this cause for the next year just as last year, to wit:

Albemarle	$200	Asheville	$200
Concord	600	Fayetteville	600
Mecklenburg	500	Kings Mountain	100
Orange	500	Wilmington	300

Your committee is of the opinion that larger interest would be excited and larger good accomplished if there was a more general co-operation with the Synods' committee which consists of the agent and chairman and the chairmen of the permanent committees of the several Presbyteries.

Your committee desires to emphasize three things further:

1. The fostering of parochial schools wherever practicable.
2. The making of our public schools as distinctly christian as possible.
3. The christian education of the colored people.

Statement of collections and disbursements for Church and Christian Education for the year ending Oct. 14th, 1904, as reported through Synod's committee:

STATEMENT OF COLLECTIONS.

Albemarle Presbytery	$ 173.37	
Asheville Presbytery	1,445.00	
Concord Presbytery	580.08	
Kings Mountain Presbytery	30.32	
Fayetteville Presbytery	72.31	
Mecklenburg Presbytery	285.36	
Orange Presbytery	267.84	
Wilmington Presbytery	82.87	
Other collections over Synod	391.00	
Collections brought forward		$3,328.15

DISBURSEMENTS.

Appropriated by Albemarle Presbytery in Mission School Work	173.37	
By Asheville Presbytery	1,455.00	
Fayetteville Presbytery	36.15	
Concord Presbytery Mission Schools	531.33	
Mecklenburg Presbytery	285.36	
Orange Presbytery	137.48	
Mission Schools from collections in Synod at large	391.00	
To Davidson College	314.56	
Printing, postage etc.	3.70	
Total	$3,338.15	3,328.15

The Standing Order for 11 o'clock a. m. to hear the Annual Report of the Regents of the Orphans' Home, and to hold special services in the interest of the Home, was observed. The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. D. I. Craig, after which the Report was submitted and read by the President of the Board of Regents, the Rev. J. Rumple, D. D. An address was then delivered in the interest of the Home by the Rev. C. G. Vardell, D. D. After the address, the Report was received and approved and referred to a Special Committee consisting of Rev. A. T. Graham, D. D., Rev. C. A. Munroe, Rev. W. R. Coppedge, and Elder J. M. Rogers.—See Report in Appendix.

The Synod then took recess until 3 o'clock p. m.

THIRD DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

DURHAM, N. C., Wednesday Nov. 16, 1904.

The Synod convened at 3 o'clock p. m. and resumed business.

The Standing Committee on the Records of Wilmington Presbytery, Rev. M. McG. Shields, Chairman, made the following report which was adopted:

The committee appointed to examine the records of Wilmington Presbytery would report that they find these records written with accuracy and pains-taking care, and recommend their approval without exception.

The Standing Committee on the Records of Kings Mountain Presbytery, Rev. A. G. McFadyen, Chairman, made the following report which was adopted :

The committee on the records of Kings Mountain Presbytery recommend that they be approved.

The Standing Committee on the Records of Asheville Presbytery, Rev. R. A. Miller Chairman, made the following report which was adopted:

Your committee appointed to examine the minutes of Asheville Presbytery, would report that they have examined the same and would recommend their approval.

The following report of the ad-interim committee on the Evangelistic and Biblical Institute was received and approved :

Your committee would respectfully report, that it met and fully considered the matter of holding an Evangelistic and Biblical Institute during the year 1904, and decided that it was inadvisable to hold the same this year, for the reason, that on account of the meeting of the World's Sunday School Convention, the Pan-Presbyterian Council, the World's Fair in St. Louis, and other gatherings, your committee was unable to secure many of the most desirable speakers, thought to be necessary for the success of the Institute, and for the further reason that many of the very persons, for whose benefit the Instisute would be held, could not attend if held this year, on account of their attendance upon the gatherings above mentioned.

Respectfully Submitted,
WM. BLACK, For the Committee.

The Synod heard Mr. William B. Streeter in the interest of the "North Carolina Children's Home Society;" and in response to his address, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved: That the Synod has heard with pleasure Mr. Wm. B. Streeter, Superintendent of the North Carolina Children's Home Society, in behalf of the cause which he represents, and that the Synod commend this excellent Society to the interest and attention of the Christian people of North Carolina.

The Standing Order to hear the Report and to hold a Conference on the Sabbath and Family Religion was observed. The report of the Permanent Committee upon devotional exercises was presented and read by the Chairman, Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D. The report was received and pending its adoption, addresses were made by Rev. A. H. Moment, D. D., on the "Relative Effects of Sabbath Observance on National Character," and by Rev. J. M. Wells,, Ph. D. on "Family Religion." At the close of the Conference, the report was adopted.—See Appendix.

The Judicial Committee made the following report which was received and placed upon the Docket.

The Judicial Committe to which the complaint of Rev. J. M. Wells and Rev. R. M. Mann against the action of Wilmington Presbytery report to Synod as follows:

That the Constitutional requirements having been complied with the complaint is regular and in order.

They recommend that:

1. The Record of the Case be read.
2. The Complaintants be heard.
3. The Respondent or Presbytery of Wilmington be heard through its representative Rev. Peter McIntyre.
4. That the Complaintants be heard again and that then Synod shall consider and decide the case.

H. G. HILL, Chairman.

The Standing Committee on the Records of Concord Presbytery, Rev. C. E. Hodgin, Chairman, made the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee on the records of Concord Presbytery would report that they have read the printed Minutes, and have found them to have been recorded with care and precision. We recommend their approval by the Synod.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, Rev. P. H. Gwinn, Chairman, made a report which, on motion, was docketed.

The Synod then took recess until 8 o'clock p. m.

THIRD DAY.—EVENING SESSION.

DURHAM, N. C., Wednesday Nov. 16, 1904.

The Synod reassembled at 8 o'clock p. m. and proceeded to observe the Standing Order, namely, to hear the Report of the Superintendent and Executive Committee on Home Missions, and to hold a popular meeting in the interest of the same. The Rev. William Black presided and conducted the devotional exercises. The 16th Annual Report on Home Missions was presented and read by the Superintendent, the Rev. E. E. Gillespie. The report was received, and addresses were made by Rev. R. P. Smith, Rev. M. McG. Shields, Rev. Edgar Tufts and Rev. E. E. Gillespie, the Superintendent.

The recommendations of the report were taken up seratim and discussed; and pending their adoption, and the discussion of an amendment offered by Rev. G. L. Cook, the report went over as unfinished business.

The Synod accepted an invitation, with thanks, to attend a Concert to-morrow afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock at the Durham Conservatory of Music.

On motion the order for trial of the Complaint against the Wilmington Presbytery was taken from the docket, and it was announced that the parties concerned had agreed to have the matter tried by a Commission of Synod, and on motion, it was so ordered.

The Synod then adjourned with prayer by the Rev. C. A. Munroe to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

FOURTH DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

DURHAM, N. C., Thursday Nov. 17, 1904.

The Synod met at 9:30 o'clock a. m. and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. S. L. Cathey.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The committee on nominations submitted a report which on motion, was placed upon the docket.

The Standing Committee on the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery, Rev. J. H. Henderlite, Chairman, made the following report which was adopted.

Your committee have examined the records of Mecklenburg Presbytery and recommend their approval.

The Standing Committee on the Records of Fayetteville Presbytery, Rev. W. S. Wilson, Chairman, made the following report which was adopted :

Your committee beg to report that they have examined the printed minutes of this Presbytery and find them correctly kept and recommend that they be approved without exception.

The Rev. J. C. Kilgo, D. D., President of Trinity College, was invited to sit as a visiting brother and introduced to Synod.

The following report of the committee on the Twentieth Century Builder's Fund was submitted by the Chairman, Rev. R. W. Hines. The report was received and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Rev. J. M. Wells, Rev. Geo. R. Atkinson and Elder D. J. Howe, to bring in recommendations:

Your committee on the Twentieth Century Builder's Fund would present the following report, from January 1901:

1901	Donation				$ 10.00	
	September	call	No. 1	(Murray)	81.00	
1902	January	"	" 2	(Winecoff)	83.00	
	May	"	" 3	(Allen)	83.00	
	August	"	" 4	(Jarvis)	75.00	
	December	"	" 5	(Smith)	77.00	
1903	July	"	" 6	(Liles)	68.50	
		"	" 7	(Price)	70.50	
	November	"	" 8	(Wilson)	72.50	
1904	February	"	" 9	(Allen)	74.00	
	July	"	" 10	(Story)	64.00	$758.50

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid call No. 1 (Murray)	$ 50.00	
" " " 2 (Winecoff)	50.00	
" " " 3 (Allen)	71.00	
" " " 4 (Jarvis)	70.00	
" " " 5 (Smith)	70.00	
" " " 6 (Liles)	60.00	
" " " 7 (Price)	60.00	
" " " 8 (Wilson)	65.83	
" " " 8 (Allen)	68.42	
" " " 10 (Story)	60.00	$625.25
		$133.25
Expenses, Printing, postage, stationery etc.		131.85
November 1, 1904, Balance on hand		1.40
" " Washington call		49.00
" " future calls		18.00
" " balance on hand		$ 68.40

Respectfully Submitted,

R. W. HINES, Chairman.

On motion the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved: That the Moderator appoint two persons, who together with the Stated Clerk of Synod as Chairman, shall constitute a committee, whose duty it shall be to revise the Standing Rules of Synod and suggest such new rules as may be necessary, and report to next meeting of Synod.

The Moderator appointed the Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., and the Rev. William Black.

On motion the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved: That the Rev. E. E. Gillespie with the Stated Clerk, and Rev. Wm. Black be requested to prepare a paper and present it to the next meeting of Synod, in which shall be set forth a brief history of the origin and progress of the Home Mission work of the Synod.

On motion the following report on Special Orders was adopted.

The committee on orders report that the first order of the day this afternoon be the report of the Standing Committee on Union Seminary and that Dr. W. W. Moore be heard in connection with it.

That the report on Colored Evangelization be the second order of the day.

That the third order of the day be hearing the report on Ministerial Education and Ministerial Relief.

The Moderator appointed the following Commission to consider and decide the complaint of Rev. J. M. Wells and Rev. R. M. Mann against the action of Wilmington Presbytery:—Revs. C. A. Munroe, H. T. Graham, F. W. Farries, R. P. Smith, R. A. Miller, R. F. Campbell, D. D., W. J. Tidball, C. M. Richards, and Elders E. T. Cansler, J. M. McIver, C. M. Brown, J. M. Rogers, W. W. Stewart and D. J. Howe.

The report of the Executive Committee on Synodical Home Misssons was taken up as unfinished business, but the hour for the order of the day having arrived, on motion, it was placed upon the Docket.

The Synod then heard the representative of Union Theological Seminary, the President, Rev. W. W. Moore, D. D., who preached a sermon on the text, "Wherefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision."—Acts 26:19.

After the sermon of Dr. Moore the Synod took recess until 3 o'clock p. m.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

DURHAM, N. C., Thursday, Nov. 17, 1904.

The Synod convened at 3 o'clock p. m. and resumed business.

The following resolution in reference to Dr. Moore's sermon was adopted.

Resolved, That Synod having heard with profound interest the sermon by Dr. W. W. Moore, on the need of more candidates for the ministry, requests our committee to secure from Dr. Moore this sermon for immediate publication and secure circulation.

The report of the Standing Committee on Union Theological Seminary, the Rev. J. H. Grey, Chairman, was presented and received, and pending its adoption, the Rev. Dr. Moore was heard in the interest of the Seminary. The

report was adopted together with its recommendations as follows :

With sincere gratitude we note the following from the report of the Board of Trustees :

1. The slight increase in the number of students, their excellent health, the energy and success with which they have devoted themselves to their studies, and their vigorous spiritual life.

2. That they have had the advange of helpful, instructive and stimulating lectures by Rev. Drs. James Stalker, A. L. Phillips, R. P. Kerr and S. L. Morris.

3. Valuable additions have been made to the library by donation and by purchase and the facilitiss for its use have been greatly increased.

4. That the degree of B. D. was conferred with diplomas upon eighteen members of the Senior class.

5. Under authority granted by the controlling Synods, the Board of Trustees constituted the office of President of the Seminary and called to this work Rev. W. W. Moore, D. D., LL. D., and elected Rev. J. Gray McAllister adjunct professor of Hebrew and Oriental Literature. This action we approve and we hope and believe that it will give fresh impulse to the prosperity and usefulness of the institution.

6. By the wise and energetic efforts of the Treasurer and Finance Committee the finances of the institution have been brought into a more satisfactory condition by the sale of unproductive real estate and the settlement of litigated matters.

Of the present productive endowment of the institution, about one-third is not available for current expenses, and this makes urgent the need of increased endowment for this purpose.

Inasmuch as the amended plan and constitution of the Seminary has not been placed in the hands of the present committee we can make no recommendation in regard to it.

In response to the request of the Board of Trustees for the views of the Synod in regard to the equalization of the number of ministers and elders on the Board, our judgment is: We see no good reason for changing the proportion of ministers and elders.

We recommend that Dr. E. Nye Hutchinson, Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., and Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., whose terms as members of the Board of Trustees expire at this meeting of Synod, be re-elected.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Colored Evangelization was presented by the Chairman, Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., and adopted—See appendix. The following are the recommendations :

Your committee would make the following recommendations :

1. That the Synod urges all its churches to contribute liberally to the work of evangelizing the negroes.

2. That pastors and sessions seek openings for the organization of Sunday schools for the colored people and appeal to the members of their churches to consecrate themselves to Christs' service in the work of these schools.

The Standing Committee on the Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries, Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D., Chairman, submitted the following tabulated report, which was received and adopted :

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Presbyteries.	Ministers.	Churches.	Licentiates.	Candidates.	Communicants.	Funds Raised.	Increase.	Examination.	Certificate.	Ministers Received.	Ministers Transferred.	Churches Organized.	Churches Dissolved.	Licentiates Received.	Licentiates Transferred.	Candidates Received.	Candidates Transferred.	Candidates Dropped.	Ministers Died.	Installations.	Dis. Pastoral Relations.	Licensures.	Pastors.	Stated Supplies.	Churches Supplied.	Ministers In Charge Churches.	Vacant Churches.	Evangelists.	Foreign Missionaries.	Average Pastor Salaries.	Number Manses.	Value.
Orange	26	64	0	7	5944	$ 57,327	$ 3,318	270	208	5	3	4	0	1	2	3	10	0	2	1	4	2	1	17	2	41	22	22	3	1	$800	14	$ 25,000
Concord	35	67	4	17	6578	45,253	2,233	404	344	3	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	16	2	51	21	7	4	1	680	19	34,575
Fayetteville	27	86	0	10	7989	37,339	4,831	264	181	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	20	5	78	25	10	0	2	649	8	10,600
Wilmington	16	50	0	4	3687	53,231	21,628	249	123	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	7	1	50	16	0	5	0	750	4	12,750
Mecklenburg	28	45	1	19	6731	26,240	Dec.	226	254	3	4	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	2	2	1	1	16	3	36	19	9	1	2	971	18	39,750
Albemarle	15	37	1	1	2447	24,205	377	133	108	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	11	2	31	15	6	5	1	750	11	22,000
Asheville	8	23	1	2	1534	13,084	Dec.	66	75	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	6	2	8	6	12	1	1	700	4	10,000
Kings Mtn.	14	34	0	6	2448	15,414		156	137	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	20	6	34	14	0	7	0	461	9	8,350
Totals	169	406	7	66	37358	$ 282,093	$ 32,387	1768	1430	20	19	9	2	4	3	10	2	2	5	1	16	12	5	93	23	327	138	66	26	8	$720	87	163,025

The Synod, on motion, proceeded to the election of a Superintendent of Synodical Home Missions, and a General Evangelist, for the ensuing year.

The Rev. E. E. Gillespie having declined re-election, the Rev. R. P. Smith was nominated and elected Superintendent of Synodical Home Missions, and the Rev. William Black was re-elected General Evangelist of the Synod by a rising vote.

The Report of the Permanent Committee on Ministerial Relief, Rev. Egbert W. Smith, D. D., Chairman, was submitted and adopted—See appendix. The following are the recommendations :

We recommend that Synod again urge upon all our Sessions the appointment of Sessional Committees on Ministerial Relief to act as an agency for communication between their respective congregations and the Presbyterial, Synodicals and General Assembly Agents of this cause, and to suggest and carry out sessional plans for securing and collecting funds for this cause.

We also recommend that in accordance with the action of the last Assembly the consolidated causes of Ministerial Education and Relief be placed in charge of a single Synodical Executive Committee.

We also recommend that our Synod and Presbyteries fall in line with the action of the last Assembly in consolidating the causes of Ministerial Education and Relief and placing them in charge of a single committee.

The Report of the Permanent Committee on Ministerial Education was presented by the Chairman, Rev. A. T. Graham, D. D., and pending its adoption, the Synod was addressed by the Rev. H. H. Sweets, the Assembly's Secretary of Ministerial Education and Ministerial Relief. The report was then adopted—See appendix. The following are the recommendations :

Your committee would recommend:

1. That we repeat the suggestion of last year that the Chairman of our Presbyterial Committees on Education be urged to keep in close touch with their candidates and overlook their college work and see that they pursue the course marked out by the laws of our church.

2. That every pastor is urged to preach once, at least, on the subject of a call to the ministry to every congregation he may serve. This to be done before the schools and colleges open next fall.

The Synod then took recess until 8 o'clock p. m.

FOURTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

DURHAM, N. C., Thursday, Nov. 17, 1904.

The Synod met at 8 o'clock and resumed business.

On motion the Stated Clerk was authorized to have published 1000 copies of the Minutes. The Synod proceeded to the order of the day, and heard the cause and interests of Assembly's Home Missions, presented in an address by the Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D.

At the close of Dr. Howerton's address, the time and place of the next stated meeting of Synod were taken up. "The Southern Presbyterian College and Conservatory of Music," at Red Springs, N. C., was chosen as the place; and the time was fixed for Tuesday, October 24th, 1905, at 11 o'clock a. m.

On motion it was ordered that the following committee be appointed to bring in a report to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock on the Presbyterian Standard; Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., Rev. P. H. Gwynn and Elder William Anderson.

The Report of the Executive Committee on Synodical Home Missions was taken from the docket and adopted together with its recommendations—See Report in appendix. The following are the recommendations :

Recommendations : 1. The Synod, recognizing with profound gratitude God's blessing upon its efforts to overtake the destitutions within its bounds during the year that has just closed, reaffirms its determination and purpose to prosecute more zealously the work already inaugurated, and to enlarge the work as rapidly as the liberality of the Church will permit.

2. That all the sessions, pastors and evangelists of the Synod support the Superintendent by giving him appointments with their congregations, and by earnestly co-operating with him in his efforts to secure liberal contributions from their people, each session to determine the the method of co-operation.

3. That all the churches of the Synod devote the collections during the month of June to the cause of Synodical Home Missions.

4. That the Sunday schools devote one collection to the cause of Synodical Home Missions, and said collection be taken the second Sunday of June, in connection with appropriate exercises bearing on Home Mission work.

5. That our present work may be sustained and enlarged and new fields occupied, Synod undertakes to raise the sum of $13,200 for the cause of Synodical Home Missions, and apportions this amount among the Presbyteries as follows: Asheville, $300; Albemarle, $700; Concord, $2,000; Fayetteville, $2,700; Kings Mountain, $500; Mecklenburg, $2,700; Orange, $2,700; Wilmington, $1,600.

6. That the several Presbyteries be requested to apportion among their churches the full amount of their apportionments, and furnish the superintendent with a list of said apportionments.

7. That Synod does hereby express its sincere and most hearty appreciation of the valuable services rendered our evangelists by the faithful men and women who have labored without compensation in the various departments of our mission work during the summer.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. A. T. Graham be appointed to present the claims of the Gospel Ministry to the young men in the preparatory schools and colleges of our State, and as far as may seem wise, to the churches of our Synod.

The Executive Committee on the Twentieth Century Fund Submitted their report through the Chairman, the Rev. Egbert W. Smith, D. D. The report was received and adopted, together with its recommendations—See Report in Appendix. The recommendations are as follows:

We recommend:

1. That Synod insist most strongly that all moneys collected on subscriptions to the General Fund be sent to the Synod's Treasurer for distribution in the ratio agreed upon. For Presbyteries or Institutions to collect all such subscriptions and retain for their own use such amounts as they think represent their proper portions, would not only introduce endless confusion into the collections; it would be taking an unfair advantage of and breaking faith with the other beneficiaries of the Fund.

2. Although the field for taking subscriptions to the General Fund by Synod's agent has been greatly narrowed by the active canvass carried on by particular institutions in their own behalf throughout the Synod, yet as there are many churches still unvisited where Synod's agent could secure subscriptions to the General Fund, and as the pledges now in Synod's hands must be vigorously collected if we would not lose

a large part both of them and of the past labor and money expended in securing them,—

Therefore we recommend that the Executive Committee on this Fund appointed for the coming year be empowered to use such canvassing and collecting agencies, on such terms, and at such times, as the Committee may deem wise.

3. Synod again urges all sessions of churches in which subscriptions to the Fund have been or shall be made to exercise their proper authority in seeing to it that the collection of these pledges is diligently attended to by the church officers to whom this duty has been assigned.

4. Synod urges that the educational contributions secured by ministers be reported before each meeting of Synod to the Synod's Treasurer of this Fund that a correct account may be kept of its growth and distribution.

The Synod then adjourned with prayer by the Rev. W. F. Thom to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

FIFTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

DURHAM, N. C., Friday, Nov. 18, 1904.

The Synod convened at 9:30 o'clock a. m. and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. W. T. Walker.

The Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

It was ordered that the report on the Bible Cause be heard as the Second order of to-day.

The following resolution offered by Rev. Dr. W. D. Morton, in reference to Dr. Howerton's address, was adopted :

Resolved, That this Synod desires to testify to the deep impression in its sense of the value and importance of the great work of Home Missions which our General Assembly is effecting. As also to the emphasis of this conviction of the necessities of this cause which the able and faithful address of Rev. Dr. J. R. Howerton has produced upon our minds. We would therefore urge our Presbyteries to bring this cause prominently before their members—and to secure by prayers, addresses and other effective means regular and generous offerings for this purpose from their congregations and people.

The following resolution offered by the Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill, in reference to the work of Rev. E. E. Gillespie was adopted :

Resolved, That the Synod of North Carolina would record its profound gratitude to our gracious God, for the noble work that he has enabled our retiring Superintendent Rev. E. E. Gillespie to do for our Mission field during the past six years, that it would express to Bro. Gillespie, its cordial appreciation of his zealous, faithful and efficient labors for Home Missions, and that it would envoke upon him, and his efforts, the same divine blessing in any field to which he may be called, that has manifestly rested upon his endeavors within our bounds.

The following resolution, offered by the Rev. William Black, in reference to changing the Form of Government, was adopted :

Resolved, That the Moderator appoint a committee of four Ministers and three Ruling Elders, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration, the matter of changing our form of government, so as to make the Synod a court in regular gradation, and to confer upon it, all necessary powers for that purpose, and to require the Presbyteries to make their reports to the Synod, and the Synod to report to the General Assembly. The said committee shall report to next meeting of Synod, all changes necessary to be made in order to carry out the said purpose, and said committee shall also report its conclusions upon these matters, stating whether in its opinion, said changes are considered advisable.

The Moderator appointed the following committee : Rev. Wm. Black, Rev. D. I. Craig, Rev. J. M. Wells, Rev. G. L. Cook, and Ruling Elders, E. T. Causler, T. B. Bailey, T. B. Womack.

The Synod, on motion, reconsidered said resolution and substituted the word Five instead of Four Ministers, and thereupon moved to add Rev. J. M. Rose to committee. Adopted.

The following report of the Special Committee on the report of the Twentieth Century Builders' Fund, was adopted.

Your committee desires to express its sense of the great opportunity this movement presents for supplying our rural and Mission churches with the means of providing buildings. The plan is almost ideal. The

only question is as to how to make the ideal real. We feel satisfied that there can be secured at least 500 subscribers. How can this be done? We offer the following recommendations as our suggestions looking to this end.

1. We recommend that strenuous efforts be made to secure at least 500 subscribers before the next meeting.

2. We recommend that each minister, except in those Presbyteries that already have a collection for church erection, in our church secure an efficient worker in each church to represent this cause in that church. That the said minister clearly explain to said worker the importance of this work, the great opportunity of the work, and what the Synod expects him, as a worker, to do towards securing members. That the minister make a clear statement of the work to his congregation from the pulpit, to be followed by a canvass of the congregation by the worker. And that the minister report the name of the worker so appointed to the Synod's agent for the 20th Century Fund, and the worker promptly report all subscribers to the same.

3. That the Synodical Superintendent of Home Missions be requested to give his assistance to the carrying out of the previous recommendations as he goes from place to place.

4. That the Rev. R. W. Hines be elected the Synod's agent for this Fund.

The hour having arrived for the order of the day, the Synod heard the report of the Special Committee on the Presbyterian Standard. The report was received, discussed and re-committed.

Recess was taken for five minutes.

After recess, the Permanent Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work, submitted their report through the Chairman, the Rev. Geo. H. Cornelson, Jr. The report was received and pending its adoption, the Synod heard the Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. D., the Assembly's Secretary, in the interest of these causes.

The report was then adopted—See appendix.

The Standing Committee to formulate an address to the Churches, based upon the Narratives of the Presbyteries, Rev. Egbert W. Smith, D. D., Chairman, presented the following addresses which was adopted and ordered to be read by all our Ministers from their pulpits.

The Synod of North Carolina to the Churches under its care.—Greeting :

Dearly Beloved : In reviewing the reports of the churches for the last year, we find much to excite our gratitude to God. Our congregations have been generally supplied with preaching. Church attendance as a rule is reported good, and the Lord's day well observed by our members. Flagrant worldliness appears to be on the decrease, and the cause of temperance has advanced.

We are sorry; however, to report that our members seem lacking in zeal for the salvation of souls. Our Church, of nearly 38,000 communicants, has added during the last year only 1,768 new members upon confession of faith. This means an average throughout all our churches of only one new disciple for every 21 members. If these 21 members had an ardent love for souls, if they glowed with the Spirit of Him who came to seek and to save the lost, the product of their combined prayers and personal efforts for an entire year would under God be far more fruitful than the conversion of one soul.

This spiritual unfruitfulness argues a lack of consecration to Him whose last command was "Go ye and make disciples." Brethren, may God convince us of our sinful apathy. May He baptize us with power for service. May He roll upon us the burden of souls.

We also greatly fear that the spirit of self-denial is far less prevalent among the mass of our members than it should be. The last year has been a season of general prosperity throughout our State, yet the sum total of the offerings of our people for all Church causes, including pastors' salaries and local congregational objects of all kinds, was only $7.69 per member, or a trifle more than two cents a day.

The great majority of God's people, we are sure, have not yet learned the meaning of self-denial for Jesus' sake. Hence the slow advance of Christ's Kingdom. Hence much of the poverty of our spiritual lives.

We beseech you, therefore, brethren, to remember the words of the Lord Jesus how he said : "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Remember also his example, how, though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor, that we through his poverty might be rich.

But the most painful fact the reports make manifest is the decline of family religion. Nearly all our churches report that family worship is deplorably neglected and that the home training of our children in the Word of God and the Catechisms of our Church is receiving less and less attention year by year. This is the saddest fact now before our Church. It casts upon our future the darkest shadow. Family religion is the beating heart of our Church's life. It is the foundation of our spiritual prosperity and power. We do solemnly admonish and warn you that Sabbath school teaching can never atone for the lack of formal instruction in the home, and that family religion can never properly flourish with-

out the family altar. If the children of our Church, left unblessed in their most susceptible years by these two Scripture essentials of Christian nurture, grow up careless of religion, drift away into sin, and are lost, their blood will God require at their parents' hands.

Beloved, we lay these vital matters upon your hearts, praying that the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

EGBERT W. SMITH, Chairman.

The report of the Permanent Committee on the Bible Cause, Rev. J. M. Wells, Chairman, was received and adopted—See Appendix. The following are the recommendations.

In view of all this (see report in Appendix) your committee would recommend

1. That we return our grateful thanks to the great Head of the church for his blessing upon the work during the past year.

1. That we urge our ministers and churches to press forward to the better things for this great cause.

3. That in accordance with the direction of the General Assembly the annual collection be taken on the 3rd Sabbath in October or as soon thereafter as practicable.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made a report which was docketed.

The Committee to examine the Books and Vouchers of the Treasurer of the Twentieth Century Fund, made a report approving the same, which was adopted.

The Synod then took recess until 3 o'clock p. m.

FIFTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

DURHAM, N. C., Friday, Nov. 18, 1904.

The Synod met at 3 o'clock p. m. and resumed business.

The report of the Standing Committee on the Minutes

of the General Assembly was taken from the docket and adopted. It is as follows.

Your committee on Minutes of the General Assembly would recommend the following in accordance with the Assembly's actions.

1. That the 2nd Sunday in September be set apart as a day of prayer for public schools. (See p. 40.)

2. That the Synod's committees as now constituted on Ministerial Relief and Education for the Ministry be consolidated into one committee to be known as the Committee of Ministerial Education and Relief. (See p. 44, 45 and 51.)

3. That the Synod approve the action of the General Assembly in appointing a committee to confer with similar committees that may be appointed by other Presbyterian and Reformed churches in regard to the matter of closer relations. P. H. GWYNN, Chairman.

The report of the Special Committee on the Presbyterian Standard was again Submitted and adopted. It is as follows :

Your Committee on The Presbyterian Standard would respectfully report the following resolution :

The Synod recognizes the influence and usefulness of The Presbyterian Standard as her Church organ, and expresses its approval of the suggestion made in an editorial a few weeks ago to secure through individual subscriptions and generous bequests an endowment fund to insure the permanence and enlarge the usefulness of this excellent religious journal, and to that end we move that a committee be appointed by the Moderator with power to perfect such arrangement with the private stockholders as will secure to the Synod or the donors such interest in the paper as the respective donations shall bear to the total amount of the capital stock issued or to be issued for that purpose.

(Signed) J. M. ROSE, P. H. GWYNN, WILLIAM ANDERSON.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee as contemplated in the above report : Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., Rev. P. H. Gwynn, Rev. J. H. Grey and Messrs. William Anderson and E. T. Cansler.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was taken from the docket, amended and adopted. It is as follows :

Your committee on Nominations would nominate and recommend for election the following for Chairmen of the Permanent Committees for the ensuing term of three years :

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF—Rev. A. T. Graham, D. D.

CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Rev. J. B. Shearer, D, D.

COLORED EVANGELIZATION—Rev. D. Clay Lilly, D. D.

PUBLICATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.—Rev. G. H. Cornelson, Jr.

BIBLE CAUSE—Rev. P. H. Wells, Ph. D.

ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS—Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D.

SABBATH AND FAMILY RELIGION—Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE—Rev. D. I. Craig.

TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Rev. E. W. Smith, D. D., Rev. E. C. Murray, D. D., Rev. E. R. Leyburn, and Ruling Elders, E. P. Wharton and J. M. McIver.

We also recommend the re-election of the Ruling Elders who are now members of the Synodical Home Mission Committee.

W. W. PHARR, Chairman.

The following resolution in reference to the Chapel Hill Church was adopted.

Resolved: That the Superintendent of Synodical Home Missions and Rev. Dr. E. W. Smith and President Venable be appointed a committee to correspond with the individuals and churches that made pledges a year ago to help support a preacher at Chapel Hill and urge them to renew the same for another year and if need to write to others to subscribe to this cause.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Regents of the Orphans' Home made the following report which was received and adopted.

Your committee to which was referred the report of the Regents of the Orphans' Home at Barium Springs, would respectfully report :

We would call attention to the evidence in this Report of the wise and pains-taking oversight, your Regents are giving to the interests of this great Institution.

We take pleasure in further emphasizing the fact that our Synod is exceedingly fortunate in having as its Superintendent of the Home, a man of such wisdom, devotion and faith. Mr. Boyd has rare qualifications for the work you have called him to undertake.

We recommend that the following action be taken by the Synod :

Resolved, 1. That in view of the enlarged number of orphans now in the Home, the increased cost of living, and for retiring the outstanding debt of $2,000, the sum of $12,000 be solicited for the coming year, apportioned as follows :

To Albemarle Presbytery		$ 900	To Asheville Presbytery		$ 400
" Concord	"	2,400	" Fayetteville	"	2,300
" Kings Mtn.	"	700	" Mecklenburg	"	2,000
" Orange	"	2,100	" Wilmington	"	1,200
Total					$12,000

2. That the Synod direct all of the Presbyteries to appoint Executive Committees to look after the interests of the Orphans' Home, within their respective bounds. The duties of these Committees to be as follows: 1. To apportion the amount asked by the Synod to the several churches of the Presbytery, and to endeavor to secure the payment of the sum apportioned, from the several churches. 2. To secure pledges, as far as practicable, from churches, or combination of churches, Sunday schools, or benevolent societies, and that, on their request, the Superintendent assign one or more orphans, by name, as the protege of said churches and societies, thereby to secure in advance, the promise and pledge of support for said orphan.

3. That the terms of Mr. J. C. Steele and P. M. Brown, as members of the Board of Regents having expired, these regents be re-elected to succeed themselves.

4. That Synod enjoin upon all our churches to make contributions for the support of the Orphans' Home, on Thanksgiving day, and on or about the second Sabbath of June in each year.

5. That the Synod authorize the employment of an Editor for "The Fatherless ones" who shall also act as Field Agent for the Home.

6. That the Treasurer of the Orphans' Home be directed to print 300 copies of his report of receipts for the Home, for the ensuing year, and that the account cover the regular Orphans' Home year, from the thirtieth of September to the thirtieth of September each year.

7. That the Superintendent be directed to publish in the same account a list of contributions in kind, and the churches, societies and individuals from whom said articles have been received.

Respectfully submitted, in behalf of Committee,
ALFRED T. GRAHAM, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was taken from the docket, and adopted. It is as follows.

Your Committee on Bills and Overtures would report that two Overtures have come in its hands.

The first signed by Rev. M. C. Arrowood and Rev. C. W. Robinson, is as follows, together with the recommendations we would make touching Synod's reply to the several inquiries therein contained. viz:

To the Synod of North Carolina:

We the undersigned overture the Synod of North Carolina to make an authoritative deliverance on the following points.

I. Has the Presbytery the right to have letters of dismission to parties without their consent:

ANSWER. Presbytery has not such a right except in cases provided for in Chapter 15, Section 2: When a church member or officer shall remove his residence beyond the bounds of the court to whose jurisdiction he belongs into the bounds of another, if he shall neglect for twelve months without satisfactory reason given to both these courts, to transfer his ecclesiastical relations, the court whose bounds he has left shall be required to transfer them."

II. What is the scope and extent of jurisdiction a church has over a dismissed member before his letter shall have been placed with another church?

ANSWER. The general matter of jurisdiction is clearly defined by the Book of Church Order, Chapter 15, Section 3: "Members of one church dismissed to join another shall be held to be under the jurisdiction of the session dismissing them till they have formed a regular connection with that to which they have been dismissed."

(*a*) Is the dismissed member under obligation to render financial support to the church and its enterprises from which he holds a letter of dismission?

ANSWER. These obligations are clearly to the church issuing the letter until they are placed with another church.

(*b*) Has he the right of suffrage in the church from which he holds the letter.

ANSWER. That right is clearly his.

(*c*) If letters be issued to parties to organize a church and the church be not organized, define the relation of such parties to the church issuing said letters.

ANSWER. The relation is clearly the same as if such letters had not been issued.

Adopted.

The second Overture recites the fact that the small number of our Candidates for the gospel ministry makes it advisable to set apart a special day of prayer for that object and the request is made that Synod overture the General Assembly to appoint such a day of prayer, we therefore recommend that Synod overture the General Assembly to set apart a special day of prayer and urge all our churches, families and

educational institutions to call mightily upon God to raise up and send forth laborers into the harvest field at home and abroad.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED T. GRAHAM, Chm.,
C. G. VARDELL,
E. E. BROWN,
JACOB EVANS,
V. H. SRARBUCK,
W. W. STEWART,
} Committee.

Adopted.

J. W. Paisley was excused for voting.

The Commission appointed to hear and decide the Complaint against the action of Wilmington Presbytery submitted their report which was received and adopted. The following is the Complaint and the action in regard to it:

THE COMPLAINT

To the Stated Clerk of the Synod of North Carolina, in Session at Durham, N. C.

DEAR SIR: In accordance with Sections 268 and 260 of our Book of Church Order, we desire herewith to lodge our complaint against Wilmington Presbytery, and the reasons for it, with you as Stated Clerk of Synod.

At its Spring Meeting, 1904, Wilmington Presbytery heard the report of its Agent of Colored Evangelization. In that report he presented the following recommendation: "Where any of our ministers find colored persons desirous of becoming Presbyterians and the way is not open for them to join any of our white churches resolved said minister acting as Evangelist be authorized to receive such colored person into the church and to recommend them for membership through our General Assembly's Agent for Colored Evangelization to any of our colored churches willing to receive them." The need for such action was urged by him on the ground of a concrete case in which one of the Sessions of the Presbytery had refused to receive an applicant on the sole ground of her color. This recommendation was passed by a small majority. Against this action of Presbytery we gave notice of complaint to Synod. Within the ten days specified by Section 258, Book of Church Order, we laid our reasons for our complaint before Presbytery, to its Moderator, in the following letter:

Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., Moderator of Wilmington Presbytery.

DEAR BROTHER: At its recent meeting at Whitesville, Wilmington Presbytery in considering the report of the Agent of Colored

Evangelization adopted a recommendation of said report which is as follows: (Here follows the recommendation).

In accordance with the requirements of our Book of Church Order, Par. 268 and 258 having given during the Session of Presbytery notice of intention to complain we hereby lodge with you as Moderator our reason for making said complaint.

1. Said action is out of harmony with the letter and with the spirit of the laws of our Church.

2. Same action virtually changes our law without securing such changes in a legal way.

3. Said action virtually makes a test for membership when neither the Word of God nor the Constitution of our Church provides for one.

4. Said action, taken in view of previous and existing circumstances leading thereunto (said circumstances being fully before Presbytery at the time it was taken) is equally abhorrent to the Spirit of Christ and to the Constitution of our Church.

For these and other reasons we lodge our complaint to the Synod of North Carolina and against the Presbytery of Wilmington, with you as Moderator of said Presbytery.

Yours truly,
J. M. WELLS, R. M. MANN.

And having thus complied with the letter of our law, we respectfully require of Synod that it annul the said action of Wilmington Presbytery in passing such recommendation.

Very respectfully,
J. M. WELLS, R. M. MANN.

Nov. 15th, 1904.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION.

The Commission appointed to consider the action of Wilmington Presbytery and the complaints of Revs. J. M. Wells and R. M. Mann against the same, met by appointment at 8 p. m. Nov. 17th, 1904, in the Sabbath school room of the First Presbyterian church, Durham, N. C., all the members of the Commission present except one. The Commission was constituted with prayer and organized by electing Rev. C. A. Munroe, Moderator and Rev. R. P. Smith, Clerk. The case was taken up according to directions given in our book of Church Order for such matters.

(1) The records in the case were read and are as follows viz: See pages A. & B.

(2) Dr. J. M. Wells was heard in behalf of the complainants.

(3) Rev. Peter McIntyre was heard as representative of the respondent.

(4) Rev. J. M. Wells was again heard in behalf of the complainant.

(5) The roll was called and opportunity given to members to express their views of the case.

(6) The vote was then taken which resulted as follows viz: Five (5) votes to sustain the complaint and nine (9) votes not sustain.

The judgment of the Commission therefore is, that the complainants Rev. J. M. Wells and Rev. R. M. Mann are not sustained in this complaint and the action of the Wilmington Presbytery is affirmed.

Rev. J. M. Wells gave notice of complaint to the General Assembly against this action of the Commission. Closed with prayer.

Attest : R. P. SMITH, Clerk.

C. A. MUNROE, Moderator.

COMPLAINT AGAINST THE ACTION OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The undersigned would respectfully present the following reasons for their complaint against the action of the Synod in failing to sustain the complaint of J. M. Wells and R. M. Mann against the action of Wilmington Presbytery.

1. That while a majority of the Commission that tried the case for Synod pronounced the action of Presbytery unconstitutional in form, they still failed to sustain the complaint.

2. The Synod through its Commission erred in failing to sustain said complaint:—

(a) Because the action of Wilmington Presbytery in granting evangelistic powers under certain conditions was unconstitutional.

(b) Because the action of Wilmington Presbytery in invading the jurisdiction of the local session was unconstitutional.

(c) Because the action of Wilmington Presbytery in receiving members into the church at large within the settled church state is ultra constitutional and dangerous.

(d) Because the action of Wilmington Presbytery in making color a test for membership is unconstitutional.

J. M. WELLS,
R. M. MANN,
C. M. RICHARDS,
A. J. McKELWAY,
E. R. LEYBURN,
C. G. VARDELL.

Nov. 18, 1904.

On motion the Synod appointed the Rev. Peter McIntyre as principal and the Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., as Alternate, to represent the Synod of North Carolina in

response to the Complaint of Rev. J. M. Wells and others before the General Assembly.

The Rev. R. P. Smith signified his acceptance of the office of Superintendent of Synodical Home Missions and Chairman of the Committee, to which he was elected.

The following resolution in reference to holding an Evangelistic and Biblical Institute, was adopted.

Resolved, That the Synod appoint a Committee of five with Rev. Wm. Black as Chairman, whose duty it shall be at its discretion to arrange for and hold at such time and place during the coming year as to them it shall seem best, "a Presbyterian Evangelistic and Biblical Institute," a conference for evangelists, teachers, pastors and all others interested in Evangelistic and Mission work.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee, as called for in the above resolution: Rev. William Black, Chairman; Rev. E. E. Gillespie, Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D., Rev. C. M. Richards, and Elders J. W. McNeill and E. T. Cansler.

The Stated Clerk reported that there was no report in hand from the Trustees of Synod.

The Historical Committee reported that there was nothing of special interest to report at this meeting. Approved.

The following report of the Synod of North Carolina to the General Assembly was submitted by the Stated Clerk and adopted:

To the General Assembly in the United States:

The Synod of North Carolina respectfully reports to the General Assembly in the United States, that it consists of eight Presbyteries, and that these consist in whole of 174 Ministers and 406 Churches, and have under their care, 7 Licentiates, 66 Candidates, and 37,358 Communicants, distributed as follows:

PRESBYTERIES.	Ministers.	Churches.	Licentiates.	Candidates.	Communicants.
Orange	26	64	0	7	5,944
Concord	37	67	4	17	6,578
Fayetteville	28	86	0	10	7,989
Wilmington	16	51	0	4	3,687
Mecklenburg	30	45	1	19	6,731
Albemarle	15	37	1	1	2,447
Asheville	8	23	1	2	1,534
Kings Mountain	14	34	0	6	2,448
Totals	174	406	7	66	37,358

The Synod further reports that the next Stated Meeting will be held in the Presbyterian College and Conservatory of Music, Red Springs, N. C., on Tuesday, the 24th of Oct. 1905, at 11 o'clock A. M.

D. I. CRAIG, Stated Clerk.

Durham, N. C., Nov. 14, 1904.

The following resolution of thanks was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Synod desires to express its gratitude to the pastor and people of this church for the abundant kind and courteous hospitality and the generious attention given to us as individuals and the active and thoughtful provision for our convenience and comfort. We wish to thank every person or agency having part in this delightful and successful Session of Synod.

The Standing Committee on Leave of Absence, Rev. E. C. Murray, D. D., Chairman made the following report which was received and approved.

1. EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE ON LAST MEETING—G. C. Huntington, R. Z. Johnston, T. W. DeVane, W. R. Minter, J. H. Grey, J. B. Mack, J. W. Goodman, B. W. Mebane, John Wakefield, J. A. Harris, C. C. Brown, R. W. Hines.

2. EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE UPON THIS MEETING—H. D. LeQuenx, R. Z, Johnston, J. M. Wharey, J. J. Kennedy, R. C. Morrison, John Wakefield, J. A. Harris, J. A. Caligan.

3. EXCUSED FOR TARDINESS AT THIS MEETING—Ministers, M. D. Hardin, J. R. Bridges, C. A. Munroe, J. B. Shearer, W. W. Pharr, J. E. Wool, W. F. Thom, C. C. Brown, R. B. Grinnan, R. S. Arrowood, D. P. McGeachy, S. H. Isler, S. L. Cathey, E. L. Siler, R. J. Hunter, J. R. Howerton, G. A. Sparrow and Elders J. R. Clack, F. H. Curtiss, L. McIver, H. L. Smith.

4. EXCUSED AFTER TUESDAY AFTERNOON—Rev. G. C. Huntington.

5. EXCUSED AFTER WEDNESDAY MORNING—Rev. J. K. Roberts and Elder John Campbell.

6. EXCUSED AFTER WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—Rev. W. A. Murray, Rev. J. A. Scott and Elder E. C. Murray.

7. EXCUSED AFTER WEDNESDAY NIGHT—Ministers, M. McG. Shields, A. McFadyen, R. S. Arrowood, F. M. Allen and Elders T. B. Bailey, O. B. Eleanor, John McDowell, E. C. Davis, Dr. Booker, J. R. Finley, J. H. Kirby, W. McCorquodale.

8. EXCUSED AFTER THURSDAY MORNING—Ministers, W. C. Brown, W. W. Edge and Elders T. F. Stephenson, J. B. Maxwell, A. J. Crowell, H. L. Cannon, C. M. Brown.

9. EXCUSED AFTER THURSDAY AFTERNOON—Ministers, R. B. Grinnan, W. R. Minter, R. W. Culberston and Elders J. K. Goodman, H. N. Lockwood, C. E. Hodgin, D. C. Kelly.

10. EXCUSED AFTER THURSDAY NIGHT—Ministers, J. A. Gilmer, J. B. Mack, J. B. Shearer, R. W. Boyd. G. H. Atkinson, G. Smith, Jos. Evans, S. L. Cathey, B. W. Mebane, F. W. Farries, J. S. Crowley, W. M Sikes, W. W. Pharr, J. C. Harden, A. C. Crane, E. P. Bradley, T. F. Haney, E. D. Brown, D. P. McGeachy, M. B. McNeill and Elders J. C. McCaskill, M. Shaw, J. R. Clack, J. T. Keel. P. J. Sinclair, G. W. Harper, T. M. Cheek, J. M. McIver, Wm. Anderson, P. M. Currie, R. J. Hunter, F. H. Curtiss, A. C. McAlister, J. W. Paisley, R. S Barnette, D. Thompson, J. Anderson.

11. EXCUSED AFTER FRIDAY MORNING—Ministers, J. E. Wool, H. T. Graham and Elders J. C. Britt, C. A. Suther, J. A. Allred, W. W. Stuart.

12. EXCUSED AFTER FRIDAY AFTERNOON—Ministers, R. A. Miller, W. D. Morton, V. H. Starbuck, G. L. Cook, W. R. Coppedge, T. J. Allison, J. M. Rose, A. N. Ferguson, S. H. Isler, T. W. DeVane, Jas. Thomas, R. F. Campbell, C. W. Trawick, M. C. Arrowood, J. H. Grey, W. S. Wilson, E. C. Murray, M. D. Hardin, R. W. Hines, P. H. Gwynn, G. W. Belk, J. R. Howerton, J. McL. Seabrook, J. M. Grier, Dr. E. W.

Smith, Dr. J. Rumple and Elders A. J. Howe, S. M. Henderson, J. N. Craig, J. O. Sample, A. McIntosh, E. T. Cansler, R. G. Lea, J. C. Steele, T. B. Neave, J. M. Rogers, S. Strudwick.

The motion was made to adjourn, and pending adjournment, the roll was called, and the following members of Synod were noted as "absent without leave," as their names do not appear in the list of those excused and reported by the committee on leave of absence.

From Orange Presbytery—Revs. C. W. Robinson, J. W. Goodman, E. L. Siler, W. T. D. Moss and Messrs. E. P. Wharton, C. W. Johnston, and Dr. F. P. Venable.

From Concord Presbytery—Revs. G. H. Cornelson, Edgar Tufts, and Elder C. N. Sloop.

From Fayetteville Presbytery—Revs. Dr. Hill, Dr. McIntyre, V. G. Smith, and Elders J. W. Graham, R. Bryan and L. McIver.

From Wilmington Presbytery—Rev. R. M. Williams and Elder W. L. Hill.

From Mecklenburg Presbytery—Rev. J. R. Bridges, D. D., and Elders C. K. Wolfe, and J. M. Wilson.

From Albemarle Presbytery—Elder Leo. D. Heartt.

From Asheville Presbytery—Rev. R. P. Smith.

From King's Mountain Presbytery—Rev. G. A. Sparrow.

The Minutes of to-day's sessions were read and approved.

The Synod then adjourned with singing, and with prayer by the Rev. A. T. Graham, D. D., and with the Apostolic Benediction, to meet in the Southern Presbyterian College and Conservatory of Music, at Red Springs, N. C. on Tuesday, the 24th day of October, 1905, at 11 o'clock a. m.

J. M. GRIER, Moderator.

A. J. McKELWAY,
R. M. MANN,
} Temporary Clerks.

ATTEST:

D. I. CRAIG,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

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A.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF PRESBYTERIES.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Orange Reports:

1. 26 ministers; 64 churches; no licentiates; 7 candidates; 5,944 communicants; and fifty-seven thousand, three hundred and twenty-seven dollars; ($57,327.00), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1904, being $3.318.00 more than was raised the year before.

2. 478 members were added to the churches during the year; (a) on examination, 270; (b) on certificate, 208.

3. 5 ministers were received, viz: J. C. Story, Nov. 5, 1903; E. L. Siler, Dec. 1, 1903; J. S. Morrow, April 13, 1904; W. T. D. Moss, April 13, 1904; D. Clay Lilly, April 13, 1904.

4. 3 ministers were transferred, viz: J. H. Grey, June 7, 1904; Joseph Evans, June 7, 1904; I. N. Clegg, June 28, 1904; S. H. Williamson, Aug. 29, 1904.

5. Churches organized, viz: Thomasville, Dec. 3, 1903; Bessemer Avenue, April 29, 1904; Rocky Ridge, Aug. 14, 1904; Pleasant Grove, Aug. 1904.

6. No churches dissolved.

7. 1 Licentiate received, viz: I. N. Clegg, Nov. 5, 1903.

8. 2 licentiates transferred, viz: J. B. Massey, May 24, 1904; W. M. Sikes, May 24, 1904.

9. 2 candidates received, viz: W. S. Patterson, May 24, 1904; N. R. Claytor, Oct. 18, 1904.

10. 2 candidates dropped from roll, viz: J. H. Allison, Oct. 18, 1904; J. T. Smith, Oct. 18, 1904.

11. 1 minister died, viz: Robert E. Caldwell, D. D., January 3, 1904.

12. 1 ordination, viz: I. N. Clegg, Dec. 1, 1903.

13. 4 Installations, viz: E. L. Siler at High Point, Dec. 20, 1903; W. T. D. Moss, Chapel Hill, April 29, 1904; D. Clay Lilly, Winston, May 1, 1904; B. W. Mebane, Mt. Airy, June 12, 1904.

14. Dissolutions of pastoral relations, viz: Joseph Evans and Milton and Greers churches, April 14, 1904; J. H. Grey and Lexington church, June 7, 1904.

15. 2 Licensures, viz: J. B. Massey and W. M. Sikes, May 24, 1904.

16. 22 ministers in charge of 41 churches; 17 pastors; 2 stated supplies; 3 evangelists; no licentiates; foreign missionaries, 1; supt. home missions, 1; and W. C., 2.

17. 22 churches vacant.

18. $800.00 average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19. 14 manses, aggregate value, $25,000.00.

20 No county without church or minister.

21. The next stated meeting of Presbytery at High Point, on 11th day of April 1905.

By order of Presbytery.

Attest: D. I. CRAIG,
Stated Clerk.

At Stony Creek Church, on 18th day of Oct. 1904.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Concord reports:

1. 35 ministers; 67 churches; 4 licentiates; 17 candidates; 6,578 communicants; and forty-five thousand two hundred and fifty-three dollars, ($45,253.00), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1904, being $2,233 more than was raised the year before.

2. 748 members were added to the churches during the year; (a) on examination, 404; (b) on certificate 344.

3. Three ministers were received, viz: Rev. C. W. Trawick, April 8th, 1904; Rev. T. F. Haney, and Rev. S. H. Williamson, Sept. 16th, 1904.

4. Two ministers were transferred, viz: Rev. W. A. Gillon, April 8th, 1904; Rev. R. S. Arrowood, Aug. 25, 1904.

5. Churches organized, viz: Micaville, Nov. 8, 1903; Westminster, April 13. 1904.

6. Church dissolved, viz: Zion, Jan. 7, 1904.

7. One licentiate received, viz: W. M. Sikes, June 20, 1904.

8. No licentiate transferred.

9. Two candidates received, viz: John McEachern, J. E. Robinson, April 8, 1904.

10. No candidates transferred.

11. No ministers died.

12. No ordinations.

13. One installation, viz: Rev. C. W. Trawick, May 8, 1904.

14. Dissolutions of pastoral relations, viz: Rev. W. A. Gillon and McKinnon church, April 8, 1904; Rev. R. S. Arrowood, and Unity, Franklin, Third Creek and Cleveland churches, Aug. 25, 1904.

15. Licensures, viz: H. H. Cassady, April 11, 1904.

16. 21 ministers in charge of 51 churches; 16 pastors; 2 stated supplies; 4 evangelists; 4 licentiates; foreign missionaries, 1; S. schools, —; Y. P's societies, 2.

17. 7 churches vacant.

18. $680 average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19. 19 manses, aggregate value, $34,575.

20. No county without a minister or a church.

21. The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Lenoir, on 13th day of April, 1905.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: W. R. McLELLAND,
Stated Clerk.

At Prospect Church, on 19th day of Sept., 1904.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville reports:

1. 27 ministers; 86 churches; no licentiates; 10 candidates; 7,989 communicants and thirty-seven three hundred and forty-four dollars ($37,344), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1904, being $4,831 more than was raised the year before.

2. 445 members were added to the churches during the year, (a) on examination 264; (b) on certificate 181.

3. 2 ministers were received, viz.: Rev. Joseph Evans, May 27, 1904; Rev. R. S. Arrowood, September 21, 1904.

4. 1 minister transferred, Rev. T. F. Haney

5. 1 church organized, viz.: Godwin, May 7, 1904.

6. No churches transferred or dissolved.

7. No licentiates received.

8. 1 licentiate transferred, viz.: W. P. M. Currie, June 7, 1904.

9. No candidates received.

10. 1 candidate transferred, viz.: James E. Ward, May 26, 1904.

11. No ministers died.

12. No ordinations.

13. 2 installation, viz.: Rev. E. W. Souders at Smithfield Nov. 8, 1903, at Kenly Nov. 9, 1903 and at Oakland Nov. 22, 1903; Rev. W. T. Walker at Rowland Jan. 16, 1904.

14. Dissolutions of pastoral relations, viz.: Rev. W. R. Coppedge at Jackson Springs, June 7, 1904; Rev. T. F. Haney at Bethesda.

15. Licensures, viz.: W. P. M. Currie, June 7, 1904.

16. 25 ministers in charge of 78 churches; 20 pastors; 5 stated supplies; no evangelists; no licentiates; foreign missionaries 2; Sunday schools 85; young people's societies 31.

17. 10 churches vacant.

18. $649 average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19. 8 manses, aggregate value $10,600.00.

20. No country without church or minister.

22. The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Carthage.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST: P. R. LAW
Stated Clerk.

At Bensalem Church, on 22nd day of September, 1904.

IV. WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Wilmington reports:

1. 16 ministers; 50 churches; 0 licentiates; 4 candidates; 3,687 communicants; and fifty-three thousand, two hundred and thirty one dollars, ($53,231), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1904, being 21,628 more than was raised the year before.

2. 372 members were added to the churches during the year, (a) on examination, 249, (b) on certificate, 123.

3. 3 ministers were received, viz: J. S. Crowley, May 24, 1904; L. W. Curtis, Oct. 19, 1904; Kenneth McCaskill, Nov. 16, 1904.

4. 2 ministers were transferred, viz: C. W. Trawick, Feb. 18, 1904, D. P. McGeachy, Oct. 20, 1904.

5. No churches organized.

6. Churches dissolved, viz: Richland, May 24, 1904.

7. Licentiates received, viz: W. P. M. Currie, Oct. 20, 1904.

8. No licentiates transferred.

9. 1 candidate received, viz: LeCoy T Newland, April 15, 1904.

10. No candidates transferred.

11. No ministers died.

12. 1 ordination, viz: W. P. M. Currie, Oct. 20, 1904.

13. 5 installations, viz: Rev. T. D. Johnston, Burgaw and Pike, Nov. 8, 1903; M. T. Williams, Nov. 14, 1903, Hopewell; W. M. Shaw, Grove, June 19, 1094.

14. Dissolutions of pastoral relations, viz: Rev. A. McFadyen, April 14, 1904 and Bethcar church.

15. No licensures.

16. 16 ministers in charge of 50 churches; 7 pastors; 1 P. E.; 1 stated supply; 2 infirm; 5 evangelists; no licentiates; no foreign missionaries, S. schools, 33; Y. P. S's., 2.

17. No churches vacant.

18. $754 average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19. 4 manses, aggregate value, $12,750.

20. No county without minister or church.

21. The next stated meeting of Presbytery at New Hope Church, on Tuesday, April 11, 1905, at 8 o'clock p. m.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: A. McFADYEN,
Stated Clerk.

At Clarkton Church, on the 20th day of October, 1904.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg reports:

1. 28 ministers; 45 churches; 1 licentiate; 19 candidates; 6,731 communicants; twenty-six thousand two hundred and forty dollars ($26,240), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1904, being $31,678 less than was raised the year before.

2. 480 members were added to the churches during the year, (a) on examination 226; (b) on certificate 254.

3. 4 ministers were received, viz.: H. M. Pressly, Jan. 22, 1904; T. W. DeVane, May 3, 1904; F. P. Ramsay, May 3, 1904; L. D. Noel, May 5, 1904.

4. 4 ministers were transferred, viz.: H. W. Hoon, Jan. 22, 1904; J. J. Harrell, Jan. 22, 1904; A. W. White, May 3, 1904; F. P. Ramsay, Oct. 18, 1904.

5. No churches received or organized.

6. No churches transferred or dissolved.

7. No licentiates received.

8. No licentiates transferred.

9. 4 candidates received, viz.: John W. Grier, Sept. 7, 1904; William A Ramsay, Sept. 7, 1904; A. Sechrest Crowell, Sept. 19, 1904; John A. McMurray, Oct, 19 1904.

10. 1 candidate transferred, viz.: F. M. Hawley, May 3, 1904.

11. No ministers died.

12. No ordinations.

13. 2 installation, viz.: J. E. Summers, Oct. 24, 1903; M. D. Hardin, Oct. 25, 1903; J. B. Mack installation over two churches, July 15, 22, 1904.

14. Dissolutions of pastoral relations, viz.: J. J. Harrell, Jan. 22, 1904; T. J. Allison, March 22, 1904.

15. 1 licensures, viz.: E. B. Robinson, May 31, 1904.

16. 19 ministers and one licentiate in charge of 36 churches; 16 pastors; 34 stated supplies; 1 evangelist; 1 licentiate; 2 sunday schools; — young people's societies.

17. 9 churches vacant.

18. $971, average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19. 18 Manses, aggregate value $39,750

20. No county without minister or church.

21. The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Marshville, N. C., on 18th day of April, 1905.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST: T. J. ALLISON,
Stated Clerk.

At Pineville Church, on 20th day of Oct. 1904.

VI.—ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

The Presbytery of Albemarle reports :

1. 15 ministers; 37 churches; 1 licentiate; 1 candidate; 2,447 communicants; and twenty-four thousand, two hundred and five dollars, (24,-205.00), aggregate of all funds raised during the year edding March 31, 1904, being $377.00 more than was raised the year before.

2. 241 members were added to the churches during the year, (a) on examination, 133; (b) on certificate, 108.

3. 2 ministers were received, viz: A. H. Moment, D. D., April 1904, and M. McG. Shields, Sept. 1904.

4. 2 ministers were transferred, viz: C. N. Wharton, June 1904; R. L. Grier, Sept. 1904.

5. No churches organized.

6. No churches transferred or dissolved.

7. No licentiates received.

8. No licentiates transferred.

9. 1 candidate received, viz: R. H. Orr, April 1904.

10. No candidates transferred.

11. One minister died, viz: G. W. Lawson, Aug. 12, 1904.

12. No ordinations.

13. 2 installations, viz: A. H. Moment, Raleigh 1st, May 1904; J. H. Jarvis, at Makelyville, May 1904.

14. No Dissolutions of pastoral relations.

15. 1 licensure, viz: R. H. Orr, Sept. 22, 1904.

16. 15 ministers in charge of 31 churches; 11 pastors, 2 stated supplies; 5 evangelists; 1 licentiate; foreign missionaries, 1; S. schools, 32; young people's societies. 13.

17. 6 churches vacant.

18 $750 average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19. 11 manses, aggregate value, $22,000.

20. No minister or church in 13 counties, viz: Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Green, Hertford, Pamlico, Perquimans, Northampton, Tyrrel and Washington.

21. The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Raleigh, N. C., on 18th day of April, 1905 at 8 p. m.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST: E. D. BROWN,
Stated Clerk.

At Louisburg church, on 21st day of Sept., 1904.

VII.—ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina

The Presbytery of Asheville reports:

1. 8 ministers; 23 churches; 1 licentiate; 2 candidates; 1,534 communicants; and thirteen thousand and eighty-four dollars, ($13,084), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1904, being $14,258 less than was raised the year before. This is due to improvements made last year on Asheville First church.

2. 141 members were added to the church during the year, (a) on examination, 66; (b) on certificate, 75.

3. 2 ministers were received, viz: J. C. Hardin, June 7, 1904; V. H. Starbuck, June 7, 1904.

4. 4 ministers were transferred, viz: Frank D. Hunt Feb. 23, 1904; E. Mack Davis, Feb. 23, 1904; D. M. Douglass, Nov. 14, 1904; T. W. DeVane.

5. No churches received or organized.

6. No churches transferred or dissolved.

7. 1 licentiate received, viz: C. B. Currie, Oct. 13, 1904.

8. No licentiates transferred.

9. No candidates received.

10. No candidates transferred.

11. 1 Minister died, viz: Rev. S. W. Newell, Feb. 6, 1904.

12. No ordinations.

13. 1 Installation, viz: J. C. Hardin.

14. 2 dissolutions of pastoral relations, viz: F. D. Hunt, Feb. 23rd, 1904; D. M. Douglass, March 14, 1904.

15. No licensures.

16. 6 ministers in charge of 8 churches; 1 assistant pastor, 5 pastors; 2 stated supplies; 1 evangelist; 1 licentiate; foreign missionaries, 1; S. schools, 16; young people's societies, 5.

17. 12 churches vacant.

18. 750 average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19. 19 manses, aggregate value, $10,000.

20. At present no minister in following counties: Jackson, Macon, Cherokee, Clay, Madison, Swain; churches in them all.

21. The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Waynesville, on April 4th, 1905.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST: E. C. SAMPLE,
Stated Clerk.

At Hendersonville Church, on 13th day of Oct. 1904.

VIII.—KINGS MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Kings Mountain reports:

1. 14 ministers; 34 churches; no licentiates; 6 candidates; 2,448 communicants; and fifteen thousand, four hundred and fourteen dollars, ($15,414), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1904, being $436 less than was raised the year before.

2. 293 members were added to the churches during the year, (a) on examination, 156; (b) on certificate, 137.

3. 1 minister received, viz: Rev. Cornelius Miller, Dallas, N. C., April 9th, 1904.

4. 1 minister transferred, viz: Rev. M. McG. Shields to the Albemarle Presbytery, Sept. 7, 1904.

5. Churches organized, viz: Bethany in Rutherford county, May 14, 1904; and El Bethel in Gaston county, May 22, 1904.

6. No churches transferred or dissolved.

7. No licentiates received.

8. No licentiates transferred.

9. No candidates received.

10. No candidates transferred.

11. 1 minister died, viz: Rev. William Henry Wilson, Stanley, N. C. September 3, 1904.

12. No ordinations.

13. 1 installation, viz: Rev. W. A. Murray, pastor of Ironton May 29, 1904.

14. Dissolutions of pastoral relations, viz: Between the Rev. M. McG. Shields and the Gastonia church.

15. No licensures.

16. 14 ministers in charge of 34 churches; 20 pastors; 6 stated supplies; 7 evangelists; No licentiates; No foreign missionaries; Sunday schools, 24; young people's societies, 11.

17. No churches vacant.

18. $461 average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19. 9 manses, aggregate value, $8,350.

20. No county without minister or church.

21. The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Dallas, N. C., April 1905.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST: S. L. CATHEY,
Stated Clerk.

At Shelby church, on the 6th day of Sept. 1904.

B.

REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIES ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1904.

1.	46 churches contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions	.	$ 5,245.00
2.	46 " "	Synodical " "	.	2,088.00
3.	39 " "	Assembly's " "	.	635.00
4.	45 " "	Foreign Missions	.	6,792.00
5.	31 " "	Publication and Colportage	.	340.00
6.	45 " "	Education for Ministry	.	600.00
7.	45 " "	Ch. and Christian Education	.	409.00
8.	38 " "	Ministerial Relief	.	894.00
9.	27 " "	Colored Evangelization	.	219.00
10.	20 " "	Bible Cause	.	210.00
11.	45 " "	Synodical Orphans' Home	.	2,271.00
12.	20 " "	Miscellaneous	.	1.447.00
	Total		.	$21,164.00

Being $1,538.00 more than was raised the year before. Fifty-four churches reported, and thirteen of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the church, and 46 to one or more of them.

Seven churches made no report, viz.: Gilead, Sandy Ridge, Snow Hill, Little River, Worthville, Danbury and Jamestown.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST: D. I. CRAIG,
Stated Clerk.

At Stony Creek Church, on 18th day of Oct. 1904.

NOTE.—Pastors' salary and congregational expenses are not included Systematic Beneficence.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Concord respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 4904:

1	51	churches	contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions. . $ 4,096
2	41	"	"	Synodical " " . . 1,250
3	35	"	"	Assembly's " " . . 386
4	43	"	"	Foreign Missions 4,792
5	37	"	"	Publication and S. S. work . . 178
6	38	"	"	Education for Ministry 337
7	30	"	"	Ch and Christian Education . 2,859
8	38	"	"	Ministerial Relief 172
9	33	"	"	Colored Evangelization 110
10	22	"	"	Bible Cause 156
12	39	"	"	Synodical Orphans' Home . . 1,877
13	27	"	"	Miscellaneous 2,084
		Total		. $18,297

Being $496 more than was raised the year before. Fifty-six churches reported, and fourteen of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the church, and forty-one to one or more of them.

Eleven churches made no report, viz: Blowing Rock, Bridgewater, Chestnut Hill, Cove Creek, Elk Park, Glen Alpine, Greenlee, Pineola, Sherrill's Ford, Waldensian, Yadkinville.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST: W. R. McLELLAND,
Stated Clerk.

At Prospect church, on 17th day of Sept., 1904.

III —FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1904:

1.	.....Churches contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions .	$	1,006
2.	..... " "	Synodical " " . .		2,198
3.	..... " "	Assembly's " " . .		549
4.	..... " "	Foreign missions		4,180
5.	..... " "	Publication and S. S. work . .		239
6.	..... " "	Education for Ministry . . .		411
7.	..... " "	Ch and Christian Education .		1,733
8.	..... " "	Ministerial Relief		259
9.	..... " "	Colored Evangelization . . .		132
10.	..... " "	Bible Cause		90
12.	..... " "	Synodical Orphans' Home . .		1,958
13.	..... " "	Miscellaneous		797
	Total			$13,552

Being $2,874 more than was raised the year before, Seventy churches reported, and fourteen of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the church, and fifty-six to one or more of them.

Sixteen churches made no report, viz: Bakers, Haywood, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Gilead, Wadeville, Ellerbe Springs, Pee Dee, Mt. Tabor, Bethcar, Culdee, Lebanon, Godwin, Macedonia, Troy, Shiloh, and Cameron Hill.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST: P. R. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

At Bensalem church, on 22nd day of Sept. 1904.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1904.

1.	39	churches contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions	$1,850.72
2.	25	" "	Synodical " "	1,073.42
3.	29	" "	Assembly's " "	258.67
4.	32	" "	Foreign Missions	2,443.03
5.	26	" "	Publication and S. S. work	94.60
6.	30	" "	Education Ministry	187.11
7.	8	" "	Ch. and Christian Education	5,447.00
8.	39	" "	Ministerial Relief	255.86
9.	22	" "	Colored Evangelization	90.64
10.	19	" "	Bible Cause	103.49
11.	26	" "	Synodical Orphans' Home	1,232.76
12.	20	" "	Miscellaneous	2.690.61
			Total	$15,707.91

Being $5,099.62 more than was raised the year before. Thirty-nine churches reported, and seventeen of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the church, and twenty-two to one or more of them.

Ten churches made no report, viz.: Beulah, Bethbires, Mt. Horeb, New Hope, Sweet Home, Southport, Maple Hill, Stanford, Verona and White Plains.

By Order of Presbytery.

ATTEST: A. McFADYEN,
Stated Clerk.

At Clarkton Church, on 20th day of Oct. 1904.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1904.

1.	31	churches	contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions	$ 9,052.00
2.	—	"	"	Synodical " "	
3.	26	"	"	Assembly's " "	462.00
4.	28	"	"	Foreign Missions	3,996.00
5.	23	"	"	Publication and S. S. work	128.00
6.	—	"	"	Education for Ministry	800.00
7.	28	"	"	Ch. and Christian Education	4,353.00
8.	25	"	"	Ministerial Relief	159.41
9.	18	"	"	Colored Evangelization	100.00
10.	14	"	"	Bible Cause	55.00
11.	—	"	"	Synodical Orphans' Home	1,000.00
12.	—	"	"	Miscellaneous	2,727.00
		Total			$22,832.41

Being $11,898.66 more than was raised the year before. Thirty-seven churches reported, and ten of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the church, and one to one or more of them.

Eight churches made no report, viz.: Lilesville, Polkton, Lebanon, Beulah (U.), New London, Mizpah, Alton, Bethlehem.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST: T. J. ALLISON,
Stated Clerk.

At Pineville Church, on 20th day of Oct. 1904.

VI.—ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Albemarle respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for ihe year ending March 31, 1904:

1.	30	churches contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions	$ 1,601
2.	26	" "	Synodical " "	610
3.	22	" "	Assembly's " "	255
4.	25	" "	Foreign Missions	1,464
5.	21	" "	Publication and S. S. work	176
6.	23	" "	Education for Ministry	363
7.	17	" "	Ch and Christian Education	112
8.	23	" "	Ministeriol Relief	183
9.	21	" "	Colored Evangelization	185
10.	9	" "	Bible Cause	58
12.	25	" "	Synodical Orphans' Home	7,777
13.	15	" "	Miscellaneous	1,694
		Total		$7,478

Being $1,279.39 more than was raised the year before. Thirty-one churches reported, and eight of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the church, and thirty to one or more of them.

Six churches made no report, viz: Olivet, Parmele, Roanoke, Roanoke Rapids, Shiloh and Strickland.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest:

E. D. BROWN,
Stated Clerk.

VII.—ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Asheville respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1904.

1.	18	Churches	contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions	$ 2,268
2.	.	"	"	Synodical " "	.....
3.	13	"	"	Assembly's " "	77
4.	15	"	"	Foreign Missions	1,500
5.	13	"	"	Publication and S. S. work	60
6.	13	"	"	Education for ministry	507
7.	.	"	"	Ch and Christian Education	.....
8.	12	"	"	Ministerial Relief	68
9.	10	"	"	Colored Evangelization	46
10.	11	"	"	Bible Cause	49
11.	.	"	"	Church Erection	.....
12.	.	"	"	Synodical Orphans' Home	120
13.	12	"	"	Miscellaneous	511
		Total			$5,085

Being $1,488 more than was raised the year before. Twenty churches reported, and ten of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the church, and ten to one or more of them.

Three churches made no report, viz: Oak Forest, Murphy and Highlands.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: E. C. SAMPLE,
Stated Clerk

At Hendersonville church, on 12th day of Oct., 1904.

VIII.—KINGS MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Kings Mountain respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1904.

1.	Churches contributed to Presbyterial Home Missions	}	$ 1,801
2.	" " Synodical " "		
3.	" " Assembly's " "		145
4.	" " Foreign Missions		1,133
5.	" " Publication and S. S. work		86
6.	" " Education for Ministry		426
7.	" " Ch and Christian Education		2,500
8.	" " Ministerial Relief		130
9.	" " Colored Evangelization		71
10.	" " Bible Cause		84
11.	" " Synodical Orphans' Home		332
12.	" " Miscellaneous		.....
	Total		$6,708

Being $234 more than was raised the year before. Thirty churches reported, and ten of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the church, and twenty to one or more of them.

Two churches made no report, viz: Cherryville and Drusilla.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: S. L. CATHEY,
Stated Clerk.

At Shelby church, on 6th day of Sept. 1904.

C.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES OF UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

With praise and gratitude, we again recognize and report the hand of our God upon this school of the prophets. Nearly the whole student body have enjoyed excellent health and have devoted themselves with commendable energy and success to their studies and have evinced, in various ways, a vigorous and spiritual life.

All of the Professors have been at their posts and faithfully discharged their duties during the entire session, and, from the reports on the course of study prescribed and examinations conducted in the presence of the members of the Board, we are persuaded that the Seminary has a Faculty of great ability and diligence in imparting thorough and sound instruction.

The number of students enrolled for the session is slightly over that for last year and represents nineteen literary institutions, twelve states, and the foreign country of Japan.

But in the strong Faculty, well furnished rooms, increased income from scholarships, and changes which promise improvement in the refectory, we have ample room for many more students.

Under arrangements made by the Board at its last meeting and through the generosity of friends who contributed the necessary funds, special lectures, instructive, interesting and stimulating, were delivered during the year; notably, the five fine lectures by the distinguished Rev. Prof. James Stalker, D. D., Aberdeen Scotland, and those by Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. D., Richmond. Va., on "Children in the Bible" and "Modern Church;" one by Rev. R. P. Kerr, D. D., Baltimore, Md., on "Lessons Learned from Experience in Pastoral Work," and one by Rev. S. L. Morris, D. D., Atlanta, Ga.

We report also the greatly improved condition of the Library, both as to the increased facilities for its use and the addition by purchase and donation of many valuable books from the Library of Rev. Dr. Park and the late Rev. Dr. Murkland and Rev. R. M. Tuttle.

The degree of B. D. was conferred with diplomas upon the following members of the Senior Class.

John Irvine Armstrong.
Eugene Craighead Caldwell.
Wm. Pickney Martin Currie.
Robertson Emerson Fultz.
Plummer F. Jones.
Jesse Luther Lineweaver.

Earnest Carlyle Lynch.
Carl Stanley Matthews.
Thos. Lowe Mosby.
Harry Havener Munroe.
Robert Huie Orr.
Holly Hunter Patrick.
Mathew Finley Pilson.
James McClung Sieg.
Wm. Marion Sikes.
James Power Smith.
Walter Miller Walsh.
Samuel Gleaves Wood.

Under the authority granted by the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina, the Board, after careful consideration, determined to elect a President of the Seminary and called to this important work the Rev. W. W. Moore, D. D., LL. D., and elected Rev. J. Gray McAllister Adjunct Professor of Hebrew and Oriental Literature. It is hoped and believed that this change will give in many directions fresh and strong impulses to the enlarged prosperity and usefulness and the increase of the endowment of the Seminary.

FINANCES.

While there have been few changes in the amount of the assets during the past year, yet through the wise and energetic efforts of the Treasurer and Finance Committee, they have been brought into a much more satisfactory condition by the sales of unproductive real estate and the arrangement of litigated and troublesome matters connected with some bequests and loans, and every dollar of interest on income bearing investment has been promptly paid up to date. The board notes with grateful thanks the gift of Mrs. E. M. Shepherd of $3500.00 to the scholarship fund and the legacy of Mrs. Elizabeth Rusey of about $35,000, which we learned will be turned over to the Seminary during the coming year and on which already a part of the interest has been paid. This latter is not included in the amount reported below.

At present the Endowment, Library and Scholarship Funds amount to $262,013.21. The Real Estate, including $189,048.15 representing the Seminary Buildings and Grounds, to $219,048.15, of which only $8,000 yields any income. There is still due upon the Buildings $37,000, against which we hold.

Unproductive Real Estate	12,000
Unpaid Subscriptions	2,330
Total	$14,330

and a contingent subscription of $21,758.00.

It should be remembered that of the assets $262,013.21, nearly one-

third, by the terms of bequest belong to the scholarship fund, and is therefore, not available for the current expenses of the Institution. This, with other causes, renders all the more urgent need of increased endowment to put the Seminary upon a proper and safe basis and yield an income adequate to meet the current expenses without drawing upon funds more especially belonging to other departments.

The Board desires to co-operate most cordially in the recommendation of the General Assembly to unite in a conference with the other Seminaries and appointed as their representative to the Conference, to be held at the meeting of the General Assembly at Mobile, the following:

From the Board of Trustees, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.; from the faculty, Rev. T. R. English, D. D. And instructed these representatives to bring before the conference the advisability of establishing special graduate courses for non-residents.

It appearing that the Synod of Virginia has expressed its approval of the amended plan and constitution, the Board hereby requests the Synod of North Carolina to approve the same, as asked for last year.

In response to the action of the Synod of Virginia in October 1902 in regard to equalizing the number of Ministers and Elders upon the Board, the Board requests the Synod of North Carolina to take the same subject under consideration and report their views to this Board.

The Board reports to the Synod of North Carolina that the terms of the following members of the Board expire at the next meeting of the Synod, viz: Dr. E. Nye Hutchinson, Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.

Respectfully Submitted,
JOHN S. MUNCE, Secretary.

REPORT ON SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Synodical Home Missions would respectfully submit the sixteenth annual report on the important cause intrusted to them by this Synod. The year that has just closed has marked an enlargement of the work and God's signal blessing upon the efforts of our thirty-five evangelists and co-laborers engaged in the evangelization of the destitute sections of our State. The work is larger than ever before in its history. We have endeavored to enlarge the place of our tent, and to stretch forth the curtains of our habitations; to lengthen our cords and to strengthen our stakes.

Rev. William Black, General Evangelist, has preached 354 times in 29 different places. In the meetings conducted by him there have been more than 950 professions, 413 of whom have joined the Presbyterian church. One Sunday school and one new church have been organized, $1,250 raised for Synodical Missions, $600 for congregational purposes, and more than 150 persons have promised to hold family worship in their homes.

Work in the East: The committee has been co-operating with Albemarle Presbytery in overcoming the destitution within her bounds, and is now assisting in the support of the following evangelists: Rev. E. P. Bradley, Rev. E. D. Brown, Rev. R. L. Grier, Rev. F. G. Hartman, Rev. J. H. Jarvis, Rev. C. W. McDonald, Rev. James Thomas, Rev. C. N. Wharton, Rev. Robert H. Orr, and the General Evangelist, Rev. M. McG. Shields. The labors of these brethren extend over more than twenty counties and embrace some of the most needy sections of the State. Within the bounds of this Presbytery there are eleven counties without a Presbyterian church. A church has recently been completed at Swan Quarter, and one is now in course of erection at Makleville, Hyde county. The fields occupied are responding most encouragingly.

The Brunswick field is now supplied by Rev. L. W. Curtis, and the Columbus field by Rev. J. E. L. Winecoff. The church has been completed at Southport, and arrangements are being made to commence the work of building at Phœnix at an early date. The outlook is brighter now than it has been for some time.

In Duplin county Rev. L. E. Wells is doing a wide and substantial work. He has especially emphasizen the Christian educational work in connection with his evangelistic efforts, and has done much to strengthen the hold of our Church on the people of the surrounding communities. Firm and lasting foundations are being laid.

Rev. Dugald Munroe has greatly advanced the work at Hope Mills. A

very fruitful meeting has been recently held, in which he was assisted most acceptably by our General Evangelist.

Work in the West: The Ashe county field is still being supplied by Rev. S. C. Smith. He has completed the school building at Nathan's Creek, and now has a successful school in operation at that point. The church at Obids has also been completed and an organization formed. Brother Smith is greatly encouraged by the developments of his field during the year.

The Alleghany field has been very much stimulated and enlarged by the services of Rev. J. C. Story. A manse at Sparta has been about completed, and he is now engaged in the erection of a church at the county seat. The frame is now up, and he hopes to be able to occupy the church by the first of the year. A few months ago a church was constituted at Rocky Ridge, about twelve miles from Sparta, the first Presbyterian organized in the county of Alleghany.

Rev. F. E. Ghigo has been placed in charge of the Waldensian Colony at Valdese. The membership now numbers 134. Sabbath school, mid-week prayer meeting and a Young People's Society are maintained and well attended. Brother Ghigo came from Italy to take charge of this promising work, and has proved himself to be the right man in the right place.

The Madison county field, so faithfully worked by Rev. E. Mack Davis, has been deprived of his services, he feeling it his duty to accept work in the Presbytery of Atlanta. During the summer, Mr. D. W. Richardson, a Princeton Seminary student, occupied the field, and was most efficiently assisted in his work by Misses Della McGoogan, Silvia Arrowood and Grace Lawrence. These Christian ladies taught school during the week and assisted in the Sabbath school work on Sundays. Miss Silvia Arrowood was supported by the Southern Presbyterian College, of Red Springs, as its representative in the mission field.

In Haywood county has been opened a new field of work. A beautiful school building has been erected to be used for church and school purposes. A successful school is now in progress and a church has recently been organized at this point. Rev. J. C. Hardin has the work in charge, and is extending his influence to the surrounding communities. He preaches regularly at three other places, and has organized three Sunday schools, with twenty-five, thirty and eighty members respectively. The general mission work of the Presbytery is also assisted by our committee, and is in good condition. At Robbinsville a day school is maintained, the attendance is good and the work done most worthy of our hearty support.

From Banner Elk comes an encouraging report from Rev. Edgar Tufts. He writes that there have been two additions at Blowing Rock on profession, two at Pineola by letter and ten at Banner Elk on profes-

sion. He has preached from two to three times each Sunday, conducted prayer meeting every week, taught two Bible classes during the school year for five days in the week, been responsible for the management and financial support of the school, and visited more than five points in Mitchell county. The Lees-McRae Institute has been in session since April 28th, and will close December 20th. Eighty pupils have been enrolled, representing seven counties in North Carolina, and three States. The only debt on the property is about $70 for paint. Great improvements have been made in the property and equipments. Of the ten additions to Banner Elk church, nine came from the student body. Five others have joined the Methodist church. Splendid progress has been made in all the departments of the school. An endowment fund is needed to help educate deserving girls who are not able to pay their way. The separation of the boys' department and the change in the time of our sessions have proven wise steps.

The boys' department of the school is in charge of Rev. J. P. Hall, who is also evangelist of the surrounding community. He says concerning his work, that the school has built in the last year a boys' dormitory, on which has been spent $2,000, and that about $400 will be needed to finish it. Seven and one-half acres of land have been donated to the school. He has in view the erection of an academy, with industrial halls for wood and iron work, during the coming year. Five hundred dollars have been promised on condition the amount can be duplicated. Two acres of land have been given for campus of building, 350 books have been secured from the Publication Committee at Richmond, 150 from another source, and 1,500 pamphlets on agriculture and stock-raising.

A day school is conducted at Plum Tree, with attendance of thirty, and is taught by Miss Ava Harris, of Hickory. He is preparing to build a school house at Hughes, Mitchell county. The land has been promised and the people will put up the house without outside help. A Sabbath school is asked for at this point. A good Sabbath school has been conducted at Plum Tree, with an average attendance of fifty.

A Conference of "The Bible and Christian Work" was conducted at Plum Tree from August 24th to 28th by Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. D. It was a missionary enterprise, in the form of continuous teaching through four days. It was largely and representatively attended, resulting in the opening of a number of different places to our work and stimulating workers already engaged out there. Dr. Phillips associated with him helpers of ability. It is his purpose to hold another similar conference next summer, on a larger scale, lasting probably several weeks.

Rev. J. A. Harris reports the organization of a church at Micaville, Yancey County, of twenty-six members. He has received into the communion of our Church eighteen during the year. Seven Mission Schools have been maintained an average of six months during the year,

and Sunday Schools have been organized at all of these points. He preaches regularly at Grassy Creek, Spruce Pine, New Dale, Estatoa, Micaville, Paint Gap, Cane River, Vines Valley and Red Hill. The attendance on Sunday school and preaching services has been better than usual. The week day schools have done good work and have had splendid attendance. At Paint Gap and Vines Valley as many as one hundred pupils were enrolled in each school. In a smaller and more recently established school there was an enrollment of fifty and an average attendance of thirty. He is now building a church and school building on Grassy Creek. The ladies who have rendered such efficient service in this field along the line of Christian Education are Misses E. McPherson, Edith McCracken, Ada Greenlee, Ada Isenhour, Essie Alexander, Neely Smoot and Mrs. Nell Rogers Spincy.

The work at Thomasville, High Point and at Chapel Hill received great assistance from the committee. Rev. I. N. Clegg served Thomasville and Snow Memorial, at High Point, the most of the year, and the Rev. W. T. D. Moss has been installed pastor of the Chapel Hill Church. Brother Moss is well suited to the work at the University, and is wielding a wide influence over the student body. Such, in brief, is the work your committee has been instrumental in doing during the last Synodical year. See recommendations in Minutes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Amount on hand Nov. 1st, 1903	$ 73.28
Cash receipts from Nov. 1st, 1903, to Nov. 1st 1904	9,765.47
Total	$9,838.75
Amount expended since Nov. 1st, 1903	9,829.72
Cash on hand Nov. 1st, 1904	$ 9.03

E. E. GILLESPIE,
Superintendent.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Permanent Education would respectfully submit the following report:

First, we would gratefully recognize God's blessing on this cause. There has been a slight, but gradual increase in the number of our candidates for the last four years. We have now 315 against 286 in 1901, an increase of 29. In this Synod there are 66 candidates for the ministry.

It is of interest to state that there are 53 candidates for the ministry at Davidson College this year. In the last 3 years some twelve or fifteen young men in this institution have decided to study for the gospel ministry.

In the matter of contributions, the reports show $3,631 as having been given to this cause the past year. This is a decrease of $7.00 as compared with the reports of last year.

ALFRED T. GRAHAM,
Chairman.

(Recommendations of Minutes.)

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

As an address is to be made by the Assembly's Secretary in the interest of this cause, your committee considers argument and appeal unnecessary in this report, and will content itself with giving the facts and figures of the last year's work.

The Assembly's Minutes show that the roll of beneficiaries for the year ending April 1, 1904, numbered 162, 43 ministers, 13 orphans, about the same number that was on the roll last year, though the changes in the personnel of the roll have been considerable.

The Treasurer's books show credits to the Annual Fund of $19,803, which is an increase of $2,788 over the credits of the preceding year, and an increase of $9,238 aver the average annual receipts, not including legacies, under the old regime known as the Invalid Fund. Our beneficiaries received last year an average increase in their appropriation of $9 each.

The credits to the Endowment Fund aggregate $21,053, being an increase during the year of $13,706. The total amount in hand for both funds was $40,856, which is an increase of $16,494 over the funds in hand during the preceding year. These facts are highly encouraging.

It is still true, however, as our Assembly said four years ago, "that we are far behind other churches, and come sadly short of what we ought to do in this respect."

We are glad to report that the N. C. Synod contributed to this cause $2,112 this year as against $1,370 last year, a gain of $742, or 54 per cent.

Albemarle Presbytery gave this year $185, a gain of $26 over the preceding year; Asheville Presbytery $68, a gain of $3.00 over the year before; Concord Presbytery $166, a gain of $16; Fayetteville Presbytery, $259, a gain of 43; Kings Mountain Presbytery, $130, a gain of $20; Mecklenburg Presbytery $175, a loss of $28; Orange Presbytery $894, a gain of $571; Wilmington Presbytery $237, a gain of $93.

Among the churches of the Synod the 1st church of Durham deserves special mention for its noble contribution of $546 to this cause.

The average contribution throughout our Southern church the former year was nearly 8 cents per member. This last year it was over 9½ cents per member. The average for our Synod the former year was 3 7-10 cents per member. For last year it was over 5 6-10 cents per member. We of the N. C. Synod are still far below the average throughout the church, but our ratio has improved nearly 25 per cent. Let us be devoutly thankful for this, and blend our energies to make the next year another long, upward step.

EGBERT W. SMITH, Chairman.

REPORT ON CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

To the Synod of North Carolina

The Synod's Permanent Committee of Church and Christian Education beg leave to report:

The true success of any great cause depends on accurate definitions and sound fundamental principles which are of the nature of a Constitution. These need to be rightly understood and applied. Failure here is sure to result in disaster sooner or later.

The working Constitution for the Church in Education was carefully elaborated and adopted by the General Assembly of 1899 and is found in the Minutes of that year, p. 411-413. It consists of two parts: "A Constitution for Schools under Church Control;" and "The Plan of Organization" for the "Furtherance of this Cause." These have been formally approved and adopted by nearly all the Synod's and Presbyteries. They need to be carefully studied and constantly emphasized in our great forward movement in Christian Education.

The report to the last General Assembly gives a careful exposition of fundamental principles for the guidance of all who may be interested. It is printed in the Appendix of their Minutes, (1904), p. 108-112. It is also printed separately, along with the report of the Assembly's Standing Committee, and also the "Constitution" and "Plan of Organization" for easy reference.

A copy of that report has been sent to every minister, and will be furnished to any one who may desire it.

The year closing with this meeting of Synod brings a good report from all parts of the Synod.

1. Davidson College reports an attendance of two hundred and forty-eight, (248). Two new professors have been added to the Faculty An electric lighting plant has been installed, an athletic field and other important improvements.

2. Albemarle Presbytery has in hand the founding of a High School in Hyde County near one of her churches.

3. Orange Presbytery has no separate school work. But Orange and Albemarle have joint visitation and control of Peace Institute at Raleigh so far as comparts with private ownership of the property and responsibility for the success of the school. The President reports that every place is full to overflowing, some were turned away for want of room, and some board in town. The Preparatory Department has been much enlarged and improved, and every outlook is encouraging.

4. Asheville Presbytery is largely engaged in Mission School work, and have six school buildings and two houses for teachers, all worth

$7.000—Eleven teachers the past year—Six hundred and twenty-five pupils enrolled—$1445, paid to teachers.

5. Concord Presbytery reports a number of enterprises.

The Statesville Female College has begun a very prosperous year. The rooms are nearly all full, and there are over one hundred students. The material equipments is complete—A most satisfactory heating plant having been installed during the past year.

The Lees-MacRae Institute in Mitchell Co. has the department for girls at Banner Elk—Eighty-two pupils, four teachers, and a matron. The work seems greatly blessed. The boys department is at Plum Tree. It is a High School and has room for sixty boarders in the dormitory. one hundred pupils are expected.

There is also a primary school at Plum Tree, one teacher and 30 pupils, property valued at $1.000, another building will be erected at Hughes in the same county.

Other mission schools are reported in Mr. Harris' field, and also at Bridgewater. About $1,700 have been collected inside and outside the Synod for these mission schools during the past year, and $1,300 has been promised in part of $2,500 for an academy building and shop rooms at Plum Tree.

6. Fayetteville Presbytery. The Southern Presbyterian College at Red Springs has added Morgan Hall, a large brick three storied building having forty bed rooms, a dining room, and infirmary, and other equipment. They have one hundred and ninety boarders, and every room full, and some applicants turned away.

This Presbytery is engaged in founding a mixed school at Elise in Moore county, and a building for a boarding department is going up there.

7. Kings Mountain Presbytery. The Westminster school at Brittain is prosperous. The new building is occupied, and the sum of $2,500 has been raised for the school during the past year.

8. Mecklenburg Presbytery. The College for Women in Charlotte is in a most prosperous and satisfactory condition, and the patronage larger than ever before. The standard has been raised materially. The equipment has been improved by the addition of fire escapes, and chemical fire extinguishers in every hall, for the absolute safety of every part of the buildings; and many other conveniences and necessities have been added.

The Presbytery has two mission schools. The Inglewood school has thirty-one girls, at the nominal cost of $40 for the term of eight months. It is supported partly by friends in the North and partly by the Charlotte churches. The other is at Locust Level and has ninety-one pupils, boys and girls.

9. Wilmington Presbytery. The James Sprunt Institute for girls is

doing a good work for the church, and the High Schools at Clarkton and Faison offer excellent opportunities for secondary education. There are movements for other schools in this Presbytery.

We may note a material increase of interest and effort throughout the Synod in strengthening the schools that are already established and adding to their equipment. The general interest inhances local interest, and we may expect much more to be done.

A financial statement is herewith submitted reporting collections public and private under the Synod's annual call for funds to be expended in sustaining educational work. But this committee does not report funds collected for the Twentieth Century Fund, nor for the founding of High Schools; nor enlarging the plants of Schools and Colleges, nor for their endowment. These items would amount to many thousands of dollars during the past year.—See Minutes for recommendations.

J. B. SHEARER,
Chairman and Agent.

REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

Your committee rejoices that it need not always come before you as a mournful Jeremiah. Every report on this cause for years has been a lamentation. This year we come with a message of hope and thanksgiving. Not that the Synod has already attained or is already perfect. But because of real advancement, of real interest and of larger gifts, that we feel are the presage of yet better things. The specific reasons for our rejoicing are as follows:

1. Because the contributions to this cause have practically doubled since your committee took charge of the work three years ago. Then the total contributions amounted to $416. This year they aggregate $809, with a subscription that amounted to $100 that was not counted. Every Presbytery has increased its gifts.

2. Because the numbers of churches in our Synod that contribute, was all largely increased. The interest in the cause seems to be growing and becoming more widespread.

3. Because of the increase in gifts to the Society throughout the whole country. From the dangerous position of the Society of a year ago, when the very cause seemed threatened, they have been delivered and now seems to be blessed with the promise of greater usefulness than ever before. They have learned the important lesson of looking more to the living and less to the dead.

4. Because of the efficient efforts of the Bible Society's Agent for this section. We wish to recognize the efficiency and success of the Rev. Thos. H. Law, D. D.

J. M. WELLS, Chairman.

REPORT ON THE SABBATH AND FAMILY RELIGION.

To the Synod of North Carolina

By special action of this Synod, as well as in response to an overture from our Synod to the General Assembly of 1904 requesting it "To broaden the scope of the Permanent Committee on the Sabbath, to include Family Religion," which received affirmative action, your Committee on the Sabbath has now brought under its purview a second important subject. First, Sabbath Observance. While there are in some cases efforts, here and there, to conform more carefully to the obligations of the Fourth Commandment, there seems no decided tendency on the part of the public to make any general reform in the national sin of Sabbath desecration, either by withholding their patronage from Sunday railroad trains or Sunday mails, thereby inflicting the labor of Sunday work upon millions of employees, thus robbed of their Sabbath rest. There is good reason to believe that the Christian public is often largely guilty of the sin not only of patronizing the Sunday train and mail service, but even of using its influence to compel the prosecution of the same.

In its report on the Sabbath to our last General Assembly, the Permanent Committee on this subject states that reports from fifty-two Presbyteries which have been sent in show that "the claims of the Sabbath have generally been presented by our ministers from their pulpits, and in many instances with commendable zeal and fidelity." Twelve of the Presbyteries reporting have made special efforts in the way of conferences and popular meetings, and with generally gratifying results; from five of these reports have come showing an increase in interest and an improvement in sentiment, and also in some instances in manner of observance; all the reports show that the day is fairly observed by our own people, but they all likewise agree in the statement of a growing disregard for its sacredness by the outside world. The beneficial results of the Sabbath Conferences should stimulate their increase, and our need of general Christian co-operation suggests the importance of inter-denominational organization in this direction.

The evil of Sabbath breaking is so serious, and its influences so surely productive of general religious declension, that our ministers and church sessions should guard against it with peculiar earnestness and vigilance. The guilt and evil consequences of the sin should be frequently brought before our people, particularly the young, and by careful instruction, by sermons and conferences our ministers should earnestly endeavor to correct this dangerous menace to our religious life. Your committee, in including the consideration of this feature of

its report, would quote the sentiment of Dr. Crafts, in his allusion to the reign of terror in France. "Neglect of Sabbath rest produces not only personal but political insanity." The same author cites De Tocqueville, who, in speaking to an American when the American Sabbath was stricter than it is now, said: "France must have your Sabbath or she is ruined." Your committee would again remind the Presbyteries of this Synod of the importance of earnestly insisting upon their ministers holding constantly before their people the sacred duties appropriate to the Sabbath.

By action of our last Assmebly, it was resolved "That parents, pastors and sessions be urged to see to it that the children in connection with our Church attend the preaching service."

The proper observance of the Sabbath is vitally related to the subject recently submitted for consideration to this committee—Family Religion. The divine purposes of the family organization, as declared by God through the prophet Malachi, was "That he might seek a Godly seed." (Mal. 2:15). And the Christian parent should hold this in view, as the great purpose of his sacred trust; and the aim of all his parental training. Essential to any true Christian family government is a Godly example and instruction, religious worship and careful Sabbath observance. Example must be the constant care of the Godly parent. Here the imitativeness of the child nature is a powerful adjunct to the parent's efforts in leading his offspring in the ways of Godliness. The careful instruction in the doctrines of our holy religion as set forth in the Word of God and catechetical training will build up an intelligent and Godly family, which will prove a blessing to their parents and the Church of God. Now the Lord has through the institution of the Sabbath secured priceless opportunities to the Church for her offspring. Its sacred hours present peculiar facilities for family worship, for Scriptural and catechetical instruction and for leading her youth to the house of God for divine service. A high standard of Sabbath observance invariably secures a wholesome state of family worship.

It is hoped that the members of our Synod will carefully consider the painful evidences of carelessness in our Church here, in order to their increase in activity and conformity to these obligations set before us. In the Narrative of the State of Religion presented to our General Assembly at its last meeting in Mobile, we are presented with the following mournful considerations: "We have received with great sorrow the reports as to the wellnigh universal neglect of family worship and the great neglect in one-half of our churches of the home training of the children and youth in the Scriptures and the Catechisms of the Church. And surely, as watchmen upon the walls of Jerusalem, we must sound the note of alarm when the very foundations of Zion are being under-

mined. Family worship and family training in the Scriptures are vital to the spirituality of the Church. Is not the condition alarming when only one-half of our Presbyteries make favorable reports on home training in the Scriptures, and all report the sad and almost universal neglect of family worship? Then the following recommendation was offered and adopted: "That in view of the large neglect of home training in the Scriptures and the Catechisms, and the almost universal neglect of family worship, all our ministers be enjoined to give special attention to this vital subject in their preaching, and especially in pastoral visitations; that the Elders and Deacons be exhorted to set a good example in this matter to the people; that the Elders take heed unto themselves and to all the flock over which the Holy Spirit hath made them Bishops to feed the Church of God which he purchased with his own blood; and that the heads of families be earnestly exhorted to make the home a Bethel by setting up the family altar, that being Christian people they may be indeed the Spiritual seed and heirs according to the promise of Abraham, who in every place of his sojourn builded an altar unto Jehovah and called upon the name of Jehovah."

Then, dear brethren, has not the time come for us to use more earnest efforts to keep the fires of prayer and devotion burning upon our family altar? Shall we not consider with deep solicitude the carelessness of our children and youth regarding the regular duties of religion? Their painful absorption in the attractions and engagements of an irreligious social life and their indifference to the deeper and more sacred principles of godliness? Shall we not mourn over the thin ranks of our ministry, and the small roll of our young men who are presenting themselves as candidates for the gospel ministry? And shall we not in earnestly asking the question, Why is our line of watchmen on the walls of Zion growing so slender, find the answer in the private religious life in our families? In our failure to teach our children at home the lessons of the Holy Scriptures, and in neglecting to bring our beloved youth with us before God in earnest and continual family worship?

W. D. MORTON, Chairman.

REPORT ON COLORED EVANGELIZATION.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

Your committee on Colored Evangelization would respectfully submit the following report:

There has been a falling off of $59 in the contributions to this cause, the contributions for this year amounting to $949 as against $1,008 for 1903.

The Presbyteries have contributed as follows:

Albemarle	$ 185
Asheville	46
Concord	106
Fayetteville	132
Kings Mountain	71
Mecklenburg	100
Orange	219
Wilmington	90
Total	$949

Your committee would call special attention to two points emphasized in the report of the General Assembly's committee of Colored Evangelization:

1. The increasing prosperity of Stillman Institute. This excellent institution had an enrollment last session of 72 students, as compared with fifty-one the year before and thirty-one two years ago. One half of the enrolled students are candidates for the ministry.

2. "We regard the Sunday schools conducted by white teachers and superintendents," says the report of the Assembly's Committee, "as one of the most efficient evangelistic agencies among the colored people. We are sorry to observe that the number of such schools is not increasing, but in many which are well established, the efficiency and usefulness has been much increased during the past year.".

R. F. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

REPORT OF REGENTS OF ORPHANS' HOME.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Regents of your Orphans' Home at Barium Springs, N. C., present this their report of another year's successful work, with an increased number of children, and improved facilities for instructing and training them for usefulness. The church has abundant reason to thank our Heavenly Father for the growth and increased usefulness of this young Institution; and to awake to a deeper sense of her responsibility, and to enlarged liberality for its maintenance.

From the beginning God has raised up liberal minded friends, who have furnished the means for erecting, and equipping dormitories, chapel, schoolrooms infirmary, industrial facilities, superintendent's residence, library room, and art gallery, so that our accommodations have outrun the liberality of our people in supporting the increasing number of children whom we are prepared to accommodate. And still our accommodations are not large enough for us to receive all children for whom application is made for entrance, and we are compelled to turn away, or postpone the reception of, a large number of needy and worthy children.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

From the Superintendent's Report which has been received and considered, we learn that one hundred and sixty-six (166) children—72 boys and 94 girls—have received the care of the Orphans' Home, the past year, the average attendance being 150, which is the full capacity of our buildings. No death or serious illness has occurred, and the work has gone on with satisfactory regularity and success. The manual, moral and intellectual training has been carried on faithfully and with fair results, and religious instruction has not been neglected. Since the first of September several new helpers have been substituted for former ones, but they give good promise of success in the work.

Our farmer and the boys have kept the tables supplied with vegetables, and have raised a good crop of corn, but our wheat crop has been a failure. A silo of 60 tons capacity has been filled with ensilage, for the purpose of feeding an enlarged herd of cattle, as soon as means will allow us to purchase them. The value of a plentiful supply of milk and butter for the health of growing children can hardly be over estimated.

The "Mrs Anna Stamps Howard Cottage," reported as finished at the Synod's last meeting, has been furnished, and is occupied by our larger girls. The "Synod's Cottage" and the "Annie Louise Cottage" have been refurnished with new mattresses—the latter at the expense of Mr. G. W. Watts. The entire cost of furnishing these buildings has been $895.45.

The Alexander Industrial Building has been practically completed and partially equipped. An engine and boiler have been placed, but not yet connected, and the complete laundry outfit has not yet been purchased. Special contributions for the complete equipment of the building have been pledged, and the equipment will be completed when these pledges are paid in. In the meantime the printing outfit, wood-working tools and the old laundry implements have been removed to this building. This building, when thoroughly equipped, will be a great convenience, and will facilitate the training of the children for useful employments in life. The condemnation of our water supply, as unfit for culinary and drinking purposes, and the complete or partial failure of our wells the past summer threatened a water famine. The danger has been averted by driving a well, one hundred feet deep, near the Alexander Industrial Building. The well is a complete success, yielding about eight gallons of water to the minute, and furnishing sufficient water for drinking purposes, and for the laundry. When it shall be attached to the engine, and connected with a new tank, now on the ground, it will be possible to throw water to the roof of our central building, thus affording an additional protection against fire.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

At this meeting of the Synod it is important that our financial affairs should receive careful consideration, and, if possible, it is desirable that some more satisfactory method of support should be devised to supersede or supplement our present methods which have proved to be inadequate.

Our faithful and accurate Treasurer, without compensation, has carefully attended to this department of our affairs, and furnished us with an approved report. The following abstract and analysis of this report, supplemented by a portion of the Superintendent's report will give an intelligible account of our financial condition. Our receipts and disbursements from Sept. 30, 1903 to Sept. 30, 1904, have been as follows, viz:

On hand for all purposes, Oct. 1, 1903	$ 762.60
Received Support Fund to Sept. 30, 1904	9,824.17
" Press " " " "	261.90
" Building " " " "	3,074.55
Total receipts and on hand	$13,923.22
Disbursements for all purposes	13,918.88
Amount on hand	$ 4.34

THE SUPPORT FUND.

Substracting from the receipts for the Support Fund the shortage of $881.30 of the previous year, leaves an available support fund for the past year of $9,824.17, minus $381.30, which is $9,442.87. Last year's

available support fund was $8.368.84. That is an available support fund of $1,074.03 greater this year than that of the previous year.

THE PRESS FUND.

Available Press Fund for 1903	$1,079.17
" " " " 1904	914.00
Less than last year	$ 165.17

THE BUILDING FUND.

Available Building Fund for 1903	$5,543.39
" " " " 1904	3,556.35
Less than last year by	$1,977.04

From the foregoing summary, it will be seen that the Support Fund has had an increase over last year's contributions of over one thousand dollars, which would seem to be a satisfactory condition of things. But there are statements in the Superintendent's report that are not embraced in the Treasurer's report. One of these statements is that there are outstanding unpaid accounts for the support of the children of about $2.000.00, notwithstanding the increased receipts for this fund of more than one thousand dollars. This state of affairs is not difficult to account for. Last year there were no new apportionments recommended by the Synod, and it was understood that the previous apportionment amounting to $10,000.00 would be adequate to the support of the orphans. But instead of that sum only an available sum of $9.442.87 was contributed, leaving a deficiency of $557.13. Again, the number of orphans in the Home is 25 more than in the previous year. The average expense of supporting a child was estimated last year at $72.11. At that rate the support of 25 additional children would amount to $1,802.75, or nearly the amount of the outstanding accounts. This would require a total for the Support Fund of $10,816.50, or $1,373.62 more than the churches contributed. Furthermore there has been a decrease in the amount of contributions of provisions of $318.45. Moreover there has been an increase in the cost of provisions estimated from 10 to 20, or 25 per cent. Taking off only 10 per. cent from our support fund it would reduce the purchasing power of our income by nearly one thousand dollars. And adding to all this, the fact that it is the rule of our Treasurer to charge all expenses for repairs and refurnishings to the Support Fund, and these repairs and refurnishings have been unusually large this year, costing more than $1,000.00 ($1,035.95); the wonder is that our indebtedness has not been greater than it is. These facts and figures bear out the statement of the Superintendent that they have been living more economically this year than previously.

But the fact of our having outstanding accounts of about $2,000.00 at the close of this year is a cause for serious consideration and prayer.

There has been a mistake somewhere. This mistake can hardly be attributed to the administration, or management of the Home. The management of the internal affairs of the Home has been wise and economical, and has resulted in the least expensive rate of support, coupled with an excellent system of training and instruction. The only mistake we can point out is that it was taken for granted that the 402 churches, and 37,515 church members of the Synod of North Corolina, served by 176 faithful ministers, and 1,411 ruling elders, were able and willing to support 150 needy and helpless orphans, gathered principally from their own churches, at an average cost of 50 cents per member. As it turned out however, 183, of our 402 churches contributed nothing at all, and probably were not given the opportunity to contribute by their ministers and sessions. For it is the almost invariable custom of even our feeblest churches to give something, when allowed the opportunity. Two of our feeble churches gave less than one dollar each last year—one of them giving as little as 14 cents. All honor to the pastor and the little church that gave 14 cents!

In the view of the foregoing state of affairs there can be but two or three alternates. Either our church courts and christian people must cease to content themselves with fair resolutions, and actually enlarge their contributions to this important work, or the management must take a step backward, close up one of their dormitories, dismiss one-fourth or one-fifth of the orphans now in the Home, and confess that we began to build and were not able to finish. Which shall it be?

Taking into consideration the uniform approval of the work by the Synod, and the fact that God has put it into the hearts of christian men and women, here and there, to give large sums for the erection of suitable buildings, your Board of Regents entertained no doubt that it was the purpose of our people to support the 25 additional orphans recently provided with convenient accommodations. And your Board of Regents still entertains the belief that the failure of support for the past year did not arise from lack of interest in the work, but from inadvertence, and lack of opportunity to contribute. The following from the Report of the Treasurer, shows the contribution of the churches by Presbyteries:

Albemarle—No. Churches 36; contributing 20; non-contributing 16; amount $889.31.

Asheville—No. Churches 25; contributing 10; non-contributing 15; amount $197.24.

Concord—No. Churches 66; contributing 45; non-contributing 21; amount $2,330.89.

Fayetteville—No. Churches 86; contributing 54; non-contributing 32; amount $1,629.97.

King's Mountain—No. Churches 32; contributing 13; non-contributing 19; amount $278.66

Mecklenburg—No. Churches 45; contributing 25; non-contributing 20; amount $921.05.

Orange—No. Churches 61; contributing 30; non-contributing 31; amount $2,043.78.

Wilmington—No. Churches 51; contributing 22; non-contributing 29; amount $691.62.

Total—No Churches 402; contributing 219; non-contributing 183; amount $8,982,52.

Total membership of the Synod is 37,515.

Dividing the amount contributed by the number of members, we get an average of nearly 25cts per member. This calculation is for the Assembly year, not for the Synodical year.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

The property belonging to the Synod consists of nine principal buildings, not including out houses, all in good repair, capable of accomodating 150 children, with the Superintendent, teachers and matrons. The Synod also owns about 200 acres of land, on which are gardens, growing young orchards, farming and grazing land, and 55 acres of well wooded forest. The entire property is worth $50,000.00. There is urgent need for a house for our farmer, and the Regents are contemplating the securing of one, as soon as the means shall be provided. It is desirable that there should be provision made for 25 more boys, thus making their number equal to that of the girls, and furnishing additional workers for the farm, garden and diary. But it is not intended to take steps for this addition of a boys' building until the Church shall manifest its intention to provide an adequate Support Fund.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Your Board of Regents makes the following recommendations for the adoption of the Synod:

Rec. 1. That in view of the enlarged number of orphans now in the Home, the increased cost of living, and for retiring the outstanding debt of $2,000.00, the sum of $12,000.00 be solicited for the coming year. apportioned as follows:

Albemarle Presbytery	$ 900.00
Asheville "	400.00
Concord "	2,400.00
Fayetteville "	2,300.00
Kings Mountain "	700.00
Mecklenburg "	2,000.00
Orange "	2,100.00
Wilmington "	1,200.00
Total	$12,000.00

Rec. 2. That the Synod direct all of the Presbyteries to appoint Executive Committees to look after the interests of the Orphan's Home, within their respective bounds. The duties of these Committees to be as follows: (1) To apportion the amount asked by the Synod to the several churches of the Presbytery, and to endeavor to secure the payment of the sums apportioned, from the respective churches. (2) To secure pledges, as far as practicable, for the support of one or more orphans, from churches or combination of churches, Sunday schools, or benevolent societies, and that on their request the Superintendent assign one or more orphans, by name, as the protege of said churches and societies, thereby to secure in advance, the promise and pledge of support for said orphan.

Rec. 3. We recommend that the Synod enjoin upon all our churches to make contributions for the support of the Orphans' Home, on Thanksgiving Day, and on or about the second Sabbath of June in each year.

Rec. 4. We recommend that the Synod supply the vacancies on the Board of Regents occasioned by the expiration of the terms of Mr. J. C. Steele, of Statesville, N. C., and Mr. P. M. Brown, of Charlotte, N. C.

CORPS OF INSTRUCTION AND CARE.

The officers and employees engaged in teaching and caring for the children, the farm and buildings, consist of one superintendent, five teachers, four matrons, one farmer, one mechanic, chief of cooking department, chief of sewing department, manager of the laundry, and editor of Our Fatherless Ones. These have all been selected with care, are capable, faithful, and devoted to their work, and their compensation is below the general average of that of persons of their qualification in other departments of work.

This report has been prepared, read and adopted by the Board of Regents as their Annual Report for 1903-4 to the Synod of N. C.

J. RUMPLE, President.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION AND SABBATH SCHOOL WORK.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

As Synod at this session changes its chairman of this committee, the statistics herein reported are a comparison of the reports of 1901 with those of 1904.

I.—CAUSE OF PUBLICATION.

Amounts contributed, 1901	$ 906
" " 1904	1270
Increase	364

II.—SABBATH SCHOOLS.

No. Teachers 1901	$ 2468
" " 1094	2791
Increase	323
No. Pupils 1901	29,287
" " 1904	24,110
Increase	1,823
Total contributions 1901	$10,362
" " 1904	12,651
Increase	2,289

III—.YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

The reports on this cause for 1901 were so utterly inadequate that no total estimates can be given, but for 1904 there has been a marked increase not only in the fullness and accuracy of the reports but also in the number of the societies and in the total membership of societies, and a very decided advance in the contributions made, Wilmington Presbytery alone sending in no report whatever. The totals for the other Presbyteries are:

Number of societies	248
Total Membership	2,775
Contributions	$2,852

A very encouraging advance over any year's work yet reported by this cause.

COMMENT: PUBLICATION.

While the cause of Publication has received an increased contribution of $364 for 1904 over 1901, there is small reason for satisfaction at this when it is recalled how large are our Assembly's committee's gifts from this cause to our Synod. Surely there should be a heartier response and a more willing co-operation in this great work on the part of all the churches in our bounds. Fully one-third of the churches do not contribute at all, while those doing so, give only a mere pittance. Let pastors

and sessions be reminded that every contribution to this cause is practically a gift to our large and needy Home Mission Fields.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The past three years show an advance in all departments of this work, in number of teachers, scholars and in contributions, as well as a deepening interest in Institutes, organization, teacher's meetings, normal causes, and home and foreign missions. Yet much is still to be desired on all lines, especially in regards to teachers' meetings, and normal causes. These are "almost unknown," reports say, in some of the Presbyteries. We cannot hope to keep abreast of other denominations in the efficiency and attractiveness of Sabbath school work unless our pastors and sessions will see after these most essential features of their schools' equipment. The teachers should meet regularly every week, not simply to discuss and devise plans for better work, but also, and most particularly, to prepare themselves for the teaching of the lesson for the week.

The normal and the home departments are not getting the attention they deserve; the first so necessary for the preparation of future and superanuary teachers, the second so helpful in disseminating the influence of the Sabbath school throughout the congregation.

In the matter of collections from the Sabbath schools your committee would call attention to the fact that the great majority of our schools do not take the regular monthly collection advised by Synod and Presbyteries for the support of our orphanage at Barium Springs. Every school which has faithfully carried out this plan bears testimony that no cause is more eagerly responded to by our people or more rapidly and surely develops the grace of giving in them.

We urge again that sessions and clerks of Presbyteries exercisd more care and thoroughness in sending in and filling out their reports on Sabbath schools.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

This cause is rapidly making progress toward a regularly recognized department of our church work, and most encouraging is this in view of the apathy and indifference a short while ago so prevalent throughout our bounds. This is only a beginning, however, and increasing effort in the way of organization. Definite plans of work and of rallying our young people to concerted endeavor, must be put forth before we can hope to develop satisfactorily and utilize fully the splendid powers and possibilities of our young people. We have had recommendations and discussions sufficient. These are to be had together with all needed suggestions from Assembly's Committee at its headquarters in Richmond. Let these be thoroughly tried before we desire others.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee,

GEO. H. CORNELSON, Jr., Chairman.

REPORT ON TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND.

To the Synod of North Carolina

Your present Executive Committee, after its re-appointment at the last Synod to have charge of this work, met in Wilmington and re-elected Dr. E. C. Murray as Treasurer in accordance with Synod's instructions to the Committee to elect one of its number Treasurer of this Fund for the whole Synod. The committee also resolved that in view of the onerous and increasing duties of his office the Treasurer should be paid a salary. The salary was fixed at $50.00 for the year. Dr. Murray refusing to accept more for his services. The Rev. E. R. Leyburn was re-elected Secretary of the Committee.

The Committee at the same meeting re-elected the Rev. D. P. McGeachy as canvasser, at his former salary of $1,200 and expenses. He has been the only canvasser employed by your Committee during the past year. Several of our church institutions, however, have had canvassers in the field, agreeably to the recommendations of your Committee adopted at the last Synod, that this privilege be accorded them, while Synod's canvass for the general fund is in progress.

From the Treasurer's report, which is herewith presented as part of your Committee's report, the Synod will see what has been accomplished the past year, by the Synod's canvass, the fruits of the canvass conducted by our church institutions as far as the figures for the latter have been obtainable, and the present size and circumstances of the 20th Century Fund.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

We have collected this year $12,705.65. in subscriptions and $4,326.63 in cash. This is almost wholly due to the work of Rev. D. P. McGeachy who has canvassed 39 churches for subscriptions and 22 for cash collections on former subscriptions. Our subscription list now amounts to about $64,210.00.

The amount reported last year as having been paid in cash to institutions directly, and not through our committee, since the beginning of this movement, was $31,782.57. Their direct receipts this year, together with fuller reports for preceding years, have now raised this sum to $82,644.13.

A summary of the whole work shows: Subscription lists held by the committee and by institutions, about $168,000; of which about $90,000 in cash have been collected.

Our committee has this year paid off all the indebtedness of previous years; and therefore all cash collections hereafter, less current expenses, will be available for the support of our institutions. Your treasurer is

keeping a strict account of contributions from each Presbytery, that all may receive their due proportion in the final division of the funds.

To cash received		$ 4,326.63
By payments on indebtedness of last year,		
Southern Loan and Trust Co.	$ 949.67	
Commercial National Bank	125.00	
Rev. D. P. McGeachy	125.00	
Rev. C. G. Vardell	50.26	
Rev. E. C. Murray, Treas. (advanced)	75.76	
Total	$1,329.69	
By salary and expenses Rev. D. P. McGeachy	1,565.96	
By salary of Treasurer	50.00	
By office expenses, etc	15.60	
By payments to institutions and Presbyteries	965.63	
Balance on hand	403.75	
Total	$4,326.63	$4.326.63

Respectfully Submitted,
E. C. MURRAY, Treasurer.

From the above report the Synod will see that all debts outstanding against your committee have been paid in full. Synod will also be glad to note that, as nearly three-fifths of the $300,000 assumed by this Synod as its portion of the General Assembly's Million Dollar Educational Fund has been already pledged, through the general and special agencies at of which $90,000 has been paid in—we have good reasons to expect that the whole amount will be secured in the next two or three years.

Of the $168,000 thus far pledged or paid in to the fund, abont $65,000 is the result of the canvass conducted by Synod's agents. Of the balance, far the largest item is the subscription of $60,000 raised by the Charlotte Presbyterians for their Woman's College under the able leadership of Drs. Stagg and Howerton.

Synod's salaried canvass this past year shows 61 churches visited, 39 for subscriptions and 22 for collections, as against 40 the year before, $15,000 in cash and subscriptions, lacking $14.00, as against $26,677 the year before; and an expense account of $1,566 as against $1,552 the year before. Synod's work this past year has been mainly among the smaller churches, and part of the canvasser's time has been given to the collection of old subscriptions instead of the securing of new ones. It should be remembered that all the subscriptions of former years were made on a five year basis, while all the subscriptions of last year were made on a three year basis. The latter, therefore, represent, in relation to their face value, a much larger proportionate money value.

Following are the recommendations:

1. That Synod insist most strongly that all moneys collected on subscriptions to the general fund be sent to the Synod's Treasurer for distribution in the ratio agreed upon. For Presbyteries or institutions to collect on such subscriptions and retain for their own use such amounts as they think represent their proper proportion, would not only introduce endless confusion into the collections, it would be taking an unfair advantage of and breaking faith with the other beneficiaries of the fund.

2. Although the field for taking subscriptions for the general fund by Synod's agent has been greatly narrowed by the active canvass carried on by particular institutions in their own behalf throughout the Synod, yet as there are many churches still unvisited where Synod's agent could secure subscriptions to the general fund, and as the pledges now in Synod's hands must be vigorously collected if we would not lose a large part both of them and of the past labor and money expended in securing them; therefore, we recommend that the Executive Committee on this fund, appointed for the coming year, be empowered to use such canvassing and collecting agencies, and at such times, as the committee may deem wise.

3. Synod again urges all sessions and churches in which subscriptions to the fund have been, or shall be made, to exercise their proper authority in seeing to it that the collection of these pledges is diligently attended to by the Church officers to whom this duty has been assigned.

4. Synod urges that the educational contributions secured by institutions be reported before each meeting of Synod to the Synod's Treasurer of this fund, that a correct account be kept of its growth and distribution.

EGBERT W. SMITH, Chm.
E. C. MURRAY,
E. R. LEYBURN,
E. P. WHARTON,
J. M. McIVER. } Committee.

D.

STANDING RULES OF SYNOD.

Revised November, 1893.

I.—OF ENROLLMENT, ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE.

1. The Stated Clerk, the pastor of the church in which the Synod holds its annual session, and the delegate of the session of said church shall constitute a Committee of Enrollment, who shall, at a convenient hour before the opening of the Synod, prepare the roll of the Synod. And to the Committee of Enrollment shall each member report for enrollment upon appearing at Synod.

2. It shall be the duty of each member, unless released by a vote of the Synod, when providentially prevented from attending the Synod, to address a letter to the Moderator, stating reasons for his detention.

3. The Moderator shall at every meeting appoint a standing committee on Leave of Absence. To this Committee all excuses for absence or late attendance, and for the latter on the part of Ruling Elders as well as ministers, shall be rendered. The roll shall be called before final adjournment, and those absent without permission shall be called to answer for such irregularity.—See also Minutes 1902, page 605.

II.—OF THE OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES OF SYNOD.

4. A majority of all the votes given shall be necessary in the election of the officers of the Synod.

5. The Treasurer shall submit to Synod annually his book, together with a report of receipts and expenditures, presenting vouchers for the same.

6. The Trustees of Synod shall be elected every four years, and they shall present annually a full written report of the funds in their hands.

7. Agents shall be appointed on each of the following departments of the Church's work, viz.: Foreign Missions, Sustentation, Education, Publication, Evangelistic Labor and Sabbath Schools. And it shall be the duty of these Agents to take into consideration the whole field committed to their supervision, and to present at each meeting of Synod a written report of all that is doing within the bounds of Synod on the subjects severally assigned to them. The Agents of these respective subjects, or chairmen of committees, in the several Presbyteries, shall forward to the Synodical Agents such reports as are needful in the preparation of their reports to the Synod; and the Synod shall appoint Orders of the Day for each of these causes at each annual meeting. In connection

with the Orders for Evangelistic Labor the Synod will hear reports from Presbyterial Agents and Evangelists, and, in connection with the consideration of Foreign Missions, a collection may also be taken for this object.

III.—OF COMMITTEES.

8. A Standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting to whom the statistical reports of the Presbyteries shall be referred, and this committee shall condense the same and report to Synod any matter contained in these reports calling for action by this body.

9. A Standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting to whom the reports of the Presbyteries on Systematic Beneficence shall be referred, and this committee shall condense the same and report to the Synod recommending any action called for on this subject. The Presbyterial report shall cover the fiscal year of the Assembly.

10. A standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting to examine the Synodical Records and report thereon.

11. *Resolved*, That the constitution of the Home Missions Committee of the Synod shall include the Chairmen of the several Presbyterial Home Missions Committees, the Ruling Elders appointed from each Presbytery, the Superintendent of Home Missions, who shall be Chairman of the committee, and the General Evangelist. The Ruling Elders, the Superintendent and the General Evangelist shall be chosen annually by the Synod. (Enacted, 1900.)

IV.—OF THE STATED CLERK AND THE MINUTES.

12. The Stated Clerk shall forward to the Librarian of Union Theological Seminary and the Librarian of Davidson College, the Secretary of the Presbyterian Historical Society, and the Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Society, a copy of the Minutes of Synod as published annually, and he shall file at least one copy in the Archives of Synod. (Amended, 1900.)

13. He shall issue and sign certificates whenever necessary for the return of members and their families on the railroads of the State to their homes.

14. The Stated Clerk shall publish in the Appendix to the printed Minutes the reports of the Presbyteries furnishing statistics to the Synod; the statistics of the annual reports of the Synodical Agents, when approved by the Synod, requesting, on behalf of the Synod, the publication of the full reports in *The Presbyterian Standard;* a list of the officers and appointees of the Synod; the Standing Rules of the Synod, and a docket of the business of the Synod at its next annual meeting.

15. The Stated Clerk shall publish in the Appendix to the printed Minutes, at least once in five years, the name of Ruling Elders and

Deacons, with their respective post offices, belonging to the churches composing the Synod; and the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries shall forward to the Stated Clerk of the Synod the information necessary for the execution of this rule.

16. *Resolved*, That it shall be a Standing Rule hereafter in this Synod that whenever a Stated Clerk shall enter upon the duties of his office, he shall report to the Synod in full of whatever he has received from his predecessor, and the condition of the same when received. (Enacted November, 1900.)

V.—MISCELLANEOUS.

17. The Parliamentary Rules adopted by the General Assembly for 1886, and since that time observed by them, shall be the rules for the guidance of this Synod.

18. The Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, appointed by this Synod, shall render excuse to the Synod for non-attendance on any meeting of the Board, and if so absent without assigning sufficient excuse his seat in the Board will be declared vacant.

19. The election of Stated Clerk and Synodical Agents shall be held in 1886, and every three years thereafter—the former to enter upon his duties at the opening of the Synod immediately succeeding that at which he is elected, and the latter to enter upon their duties immediately after the adjournment of the Synod which elected them. (Minutes 1883, page 240.

20. It was made a Standing Rule that the roll be called at the opening of the Synod, that those who have been enrolled by the Committee of Enrollment may answer to their names. (Minutes 1885, page 612.)

21. The Committee on Leave of Absence was instructed not to grant leave of absence except for urgent reasons, and the Stated Clerk was directed to enter this action upon the docket of the next Synod for information and caution to members of the committee and of the Synod. (Minutes 1885, page 615.)

22. When a vacancy occurs by death, resignation or removal beyond our bounds, in any of the offices of Synod (including the Stated Clerk, Agents and Directors of Union Theological Seminary) the Moderator is empowered to fill such vacancy until the next meeting of Synod, except in the case of those officers who are at the heads of Synodical Committees, when the committee shall fill the vacancy. (Minutes 1871, page 579.)

23. Memorials of deceased ministers shall be read at the close of the Synodical Communion. (Amended 1900.)

Resolved, That the Standing Rule No. 23 be amended so as to read

that the memorial services of deceased brethren shall be held at the close of the Synodical Communion.

24. *Resolved*, That the Standing Orders of Synod be revised as follows:

(1.) That the Synodical Communion be held at 11 a. m., on the second day.

(2.) That the popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions be held Wednesday night.

(3.)That the popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions be held Thursday night.

(4.) That Friday night be given alternately to Sunday Schools and Colored Evangelization. (Minutes 1894, page 260.)

25. *Resolved*, That it be made a Standing Rule of this Synod that the Moderator shall, when occasion requires, upon the death of a minister, in the interim of meetings of the body, appoint a committee of one minister to prepare a memorial minute or sketch of the deceased, to be read in the Synod ensuing and spread upon its records; and that the Stated Clerk of the Synod be charged with the duty of reporting to the Moderator such deaths as they occur.

26. That it be a Standing Rule that the afternoon of the second day be devoted to committee work, and that the Synod recede from business for the time being; and furthermore, that no special orders or other business be transacted to interfere with the reading of reports or other papers on the morning of the second day. (Enacted (1900.)

27. *Resolved*, That it be made a Standing Rule of Synod that the last hour of each morning session shall be set apart for devotional exercises and preaching. (Enacted 1900.)

28. *Resolved*, That the Standing Rules of Synod be amended by adding thereto the following:

I. That there shall be added to the Standing Committees, "a Committee on Special Orders."

II. That this committee shall be charged with the duty of fixing the special orders of Synod, and shall report to Synod as often as the business before it may require.

III. That all applications for a special order shall be referred by the Moderator to this committee, before action thereon by Synod. (Enacted, 1901.) (Amended, 1903, and changed to a Permanent Committee, p. 41.)

29. *Resolved*, That it be a Standing Rule of Synod that the chairmen of the Committees on Presbyterial Records shall confer with the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries whose records they are appointed to examine before submitting their reports to the Synod, in order that the clerks may have the opportunity to make explanations in regard to their records before the matter is brought before the Synod.

30. *Ordered*, That the Devotional exercises at 11 o'clock, a. m., on the third day of each annual meeting be conducted under the direction of the Regents of the Orphans' Home, and shall consist in the usual introductory services, the reading of the report of the Regents, and a sermon by some minister selected by the Regents. (1902.)

31. The Synod hereby appoints the afternoon of the third day of its sessions for a Sabbath Conference, when selected speakers shall discuss questions related to the Sabbath, as the Synod's Sabbath Committee may suggest. (1902.)

32. The Synod appointed 4 o'clock of Thursday afternoon as the time for holding a popular meeting in the interest of Ministerial Relief, under the direction of the committee. (Enacted, 1903.)

E.

GENERAL DIRECTORY.

MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

	MODERATORS.	PLACE OF MEETING.
1813	*Rev. Robert H. Chapman	Alamance church.
1814	*Rev. Samuel C. Caldwell	Thyatira church.
1815	*Rev. Wm. McPheeters	Fayetteville.
1816	*Rev. John Robinson	Raleigh.
1817	No meeting—no quorum present	Rocky River.
1818	*Rev. Joseph Caldwell, D. D.	Fayetteville.
1819	*Rev. Jonathan Ottis Freeman, D. D.	Ralegh.
1820	*Rev. Wm. Paisley	Poplar Tent.
1821	*Rev. John M. Wilson	Salisbury.
1822	*Rev. John Robinson	Hillsborough.
1823	*Rev. John Witherspoon	Fayetteville.
1824	*Rev. Colin McIver	Statesville.
1825	*Rev. John B. Davis	Greensborough.
1826	*Rev. Wm. McPheeters, D. D.	Fayetteville.
1827	*Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D.	Salisbury.
	[The Stated Clerk has no record of the two meetings or years of 1827 and 1828.]	
1828	*Rev. Lemuel D. Hatch	Raleigh.
1829	*Rev. John Williamson	Fayetteville.
1830	*Rev. Samuel L. Graham	Hopewell.
1831	*Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich	Hillsborough.
1832	*Rev. Samuel Williamson	Salisbury.
1833	*Rev. Henry A. Rowland	Wilmington.
1834	*Rev. James W. Douglas	Oxford.
1835	*Rev. Henry Pharr	Salisbury.
1836	*Rev. Joseph Brown	Fayeteville.
1837	*Rev. H. N. Harding	Shiloh.
1838	*Rev. Stephen Frontis	Third Creek Church.
1839	*Rev. Daniel A. Penick	Lincolnton.
1840	*Rev. Alexander Wilson, D. D.	Danville, Va.
1841	*Rev. William N. Peacock	Fayetteville.
1842	*Rev. Walter S. Pharr	Poplar Tent.
1843	*Rev. James Phillips	Raleigh.
1844	*Rev. Simeon Colton	Fayetteville.
1845	*Rev. Samuel Williamson	Charlotte.

*Deceased.

	MODERATORS.	PLACE OF MEETING.
1846	*Rev. Drury Lacy	Greensborough.
1847	*Rev. Evander McNair	Fayetteville.
1848	*Rev. Cyrus Johnston	Salisbury.
1849	*Rev. John A. Gretter	Hillsborough.
1850	*Rev. Adam Gilchrist	Centre.
1851	*Rev. Archibald Baker	Rocky River.
1852	*Rev. Wm. N. Mebane	Danville, Va.
1853	*Rev. Hector McLean	Wilmington.
1854	*Rev. A. L. Watts	Concord.
1855	*Rev. Eli W. Caruthers, D. D.	Greensborough.
1856	*Rev. Neill McKay, D. D.	Fayetteville.
1857	*Rev. Walter W. Pharr	Charlotte.
1858	*Rev. Jacob Doll	New Berne.
1859	*Rev. F. K. Nash	Wilmington.
1860	*Rev. R. H. Lafferty	Statesville.
1861	*Rev. Edwin Hines	Raleigh.
1862	*Rev. John M. Sherwood	Goldsborough.
1863	*Rev. R. N. Davis	Salisbury.
1864	*Rev. A. G. Hughes	Greensborough.
1865	Rev. Colin Shaw	Fayetteville.
1866	*Rev. R. Hewett Chapman, D. D.	Charlotte.
1567	Rev. Archibald Currie	New Berne.
1868	*Rev. D. D. McBride	Wilmington.
1869	*Rev. Jesse Rankin	Morganton.
1870	*Rev. R. A. Stanford	Raleigh.
1871	*Rev. J. P. McPherson	Fayetteville.
1872	*Rev. Arnold W. Miller, D. D.	Charlotte.
1873	*Rev. James M. Sprunt	Wilmington.
1874	Rev. J. Rumple, D. D.	Concord.
1875	*Rev. P. H. Dalton	Greensborough.
1876	*Rev. Martin McQueen	Fayetteville.
1877	*Rev. John Douglas	Charlotte.
1878	*Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.	Goldsborough.
1879	*Rev. E. F. Rockwell, D. D.	Statesville.
1880	*Rev. J. Henry Smith, D. D.	Raleigh.
1881	Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.	Salisbury.
1882	Rev. L. McKinnon, D. D.	Asheville.
1883	*Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D.	Wilmington.
1884	*Rev. P. T. Penick	Winston.
1885	*Rev. J. C. Alexander	Reidsville.
1886	Rev. J. W. Primrose, D. D.	Concord.

*Deceased.

	MODERATORS.	PLACE OF MEETING.
1887	Rev. R. Z. Johnston	Fayetteville.
1888	*Hon. A. M. Scales	Goldsborough.
1889	Rev. J. M. Wharey, D. D.	Charlotte.
1890	Rev. Alexander Sprunt, D. D.	Wilmington.
1891	Rev. W. E. McIlwain	Durham.
1892	Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D.	Statesville.
1893	Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D.	Tarboro.
1894	Rev. W. B. Arrowood	Greensboro.
1895	Rev. Eugene Daniel, D. D.	Fayetteville.
1896	Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D.	New Berne.
1897	Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D.	Salisbury.
1898	Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D.	Gastonia.
1899	Rev. Wm. Black	Asheville.
1900	Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D	Raleigh.
1901	*Rev. Robt. E. Caldwell, D. D.	Charlotte.
1902	Rev. C. G. Vardell, D. D.	Winston.
1903	Rev. A. T. Graham, D. D.	Wilmington.
1904	Rev. J. M. Grier, D. D.	Durham.

*Deceased.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FIRST CLASS—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

To go out in 1908.

Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D.,
Dr. E. Nye Hutchinson, Ruling Elder.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

To go out in 1907.

Rev. Egbert W. Smith, D. D., Rev. P. R. Law,
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To go out in 1906.

Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., Rev. Archibald McFadyen,
Mr. Geo. W. Watts, Ruling Elder.

FOURTH CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

To go out in 1905.

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Mr. B. F. Hall, Ruling Elder.

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To go out in 1909.

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SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

To go out in 1908.

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THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

To go out in 1907.

Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Rev. C. G. Vardell, D. D.

FOURTH CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

To go out in 1906.

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To go out in 1905.

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To go out in 1906.

Mr. Jno. F. Love.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

To go out in 1905.

Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D.

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To go out in 1904.

Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D.

SYNODICAL COMMITTEES AND EVANGELIST.

To go out in 1907.

Synodical Home Missions, (elected annually . . . . . Rev. R. P. Smith, Supt. and Ch'm.
Synodical Evangelist (elected annually . . . . . Rev. William Black.
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Ministerial Education and Ministerial Relief . . . . . Rev. A. T. Graham, D. D., Ch'm.
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Sabbath and Family Religion . . Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D., Ch'm.
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TRUSTEES OF SYNOD TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

To go out in 1907.

Dr. J. R. Irwin, Chairman . . . . . Charlotte.
Mr. J. C. Burroughs . . . . . Charlotte.
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Mr. D. F. Cannon . . . . . Concord.
Mr. F. A. Sherrill . . . . . Statesville.
Mr. P. S. Gilchrist . . . . . Charlotte.
Mr. R. A. Dunn . . . . . Charlotte.

STATED CLERKS OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

1813 *Rev. Robert H. Chapman.
1818 *Rev. Colin McIver.
1849 *Rev. Drury Lacy.
1855 *Rev. Archibald Baker.
1859 *Rev. Jacob Doll.
1878 *Rev. William S. Lacy.
1886 *Rev. J. A. Ramsay.
1900 Rev. D. I. Craig, Reidsville, N. C.

TREASURER OF SYNOD.

Rev. D. I. Craig . . . . . Reidsville, N. C.

STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Orange—Rev. D. I. Craig . . . . . Reidsville.
Concord—Rev. W. R. McLelland . . . . . Statesville.
Fayetteville—Rev. P. R. Law . . . . . Lumber Bridge.
Wilmington—Rev. A. McFadyen . . . . . Clarkton.
Mecklenburg—Rev. T. J. Allison . . . . . Charlotte.
Albemarle—J. H. Henderlite . . . . . Henderson.
Asheville—R. S. Eskridge . . . . . Swannanoa.
King's Mountain—Rev. S. L. Cathey . . . . . Rutherfordton.

*Deceased.

TREASURERS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Orange—Mr. T. B. Fuller . . . . . Durham.
Concord—Rev. W. R. McLelland . . . . . Statesville.
Fayetteville—Rev. W. T. Walker . . . . . Rowland.
Wilmington—Mr. John McLaurin . . . . . Wilmington.
Mecklenburg—Mr. J. M. Harry . . . . . Charlotte.
Albemarle—Rev. J. H. Henderlite . . . . . Henderson.
Asheville—Rev. R. P. Smith . . . . . Asheville.
King's Mountain—Mr. John F. Love . . . . . Gastonia.

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Orange—Rev. D. C. Lilly, D. D., Mr. J. M. Rogers.
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Asheville—Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Maj. Robert Bingham.
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Wilmington—Rev. J. M. Wells, Ph. D., Chairman.
Mecklenburg—Rev. G. H. Atkinson, Chairman.
Albemarle—Rev. James Thomas, Chairman.
Asheville—Rev. ————————, Chairman.
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Kings Mountain—Rev. Cornelius Miller, Chairman.

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Wilmington—Rev. P. McIntyre, Chairman.
Mecklenburg—Rev. J. B. Mack, D. D., Chairman.
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Asheville—Rev.————————, Chairman.
Kings Mountain—Rev. W. A. Murray, Chairman.

ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS.

Appointed by Synod:
- Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., Chairman.
- Rev. G. H. Cornelson, Jr.
- Rev. A. T. Graham, D. D.
- Dr. J. M. Belk.
- Mr. William Anderson.

(No Presbyterial Committees reported).

SYNODICAL HISTORICAL COMMITTEE.

REV. D. I. CRAIG, Chairman.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

The Moderator,
The Stated Clerk,
} Members, *ex-officio*.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND.

Rev. Egbert W. Smith, D. D., Chairman . . . . . Greensboro.
Rev. E. C. Murray, D. D. . . . . Graham.
Rev. E. R. Leyburn . . . . . Durham.
Mr. E. P. Wharton . . . . . Greensboro.
Mr. J. M. McIver . . . . . Gulf.

ROLL OF MINISTERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD, 1904.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

	MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE.
1	A. Currie	Hillsboro.
2	D. I. Craig	Reidsville.
3	E. W. Smith, D. D.	Greensboro.
4	R. W. Culbertson	Mebane.
5	J. McL. Seabrook	Greensboro.
6	C. W. Robinson	North Wilkesboro.
7	H. D. Lequeux	Greensboro.
8	R. W. George	Francisco.
9	E. C. Murray, D. D.	Graham.
10	E. E. Gillespie	Greensboro.
11	B. B. Palmer (colored)	Semora.
12	R. L. Wharton	Cuba.
13	J. W. Goodman	Hillsboro.
14	C. E. Hodgin	Greensboro.
15	B. W. Mebane, D. D.	Mt. Airy.
16	R. G. Matheson	Durham.
17	E. R. Leyburn	Durham.
18	M. C. Arrowood	Burlington.
19	S. C. Smith	Jefferson.
20	R. W. Hines	Mebane.
21	S. M. Rankin	Greensboro.
22	J. C. Story	Sparta.
23	E. L. Siler	High Point.
24	J. S. Morrow (colored)	North Wilkesboro.
25	W. T. D. Moss	Chapel Hill.
26	D. Clay Lilly, D. D.	Winston.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

	MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE.
1	J. Rumple, D. D.	Salisbury.
2	W. W. Pharr, D. D.	Mooresville.
3	Jno. W. Davis, D. D.	Soochow, China.
4	J. M. Wharey, D. D.	Mooresville.
5	B. L. Beall	Greensboro.
6	C. A. Munroe	Lenoir.
7	L. McKinnon, D. D.	Clinton.

	MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE.
8	W. R. McLelland	Statesville.
9	J. B. Shearer, D. D.	Davidson.
10	E. E. Pressley	Statesville.
11	A. T. Graham, D. D.	Davidson.
12	R. W. Boyd	Barium Springs.
13	J. C. Kennedy	Mt. Mourne.
14	J. A. Harris	Micaville.
15	W. C. Brown	Loray.
16	W. J. Tidball	Taylorsville.
17	J. M. Greenlee	Marion.
18	John Wakefield	Concord.
19	J. A. Gilmer	Newton.
20	J. A. Scott, D. D.	Statesville.
21	J. M. McLain	Concord.
22	W. S. Wilson	Marion.
23	C. M. Richards	Statesville.
24	Geo. H. Cornelson	Concord.
25	R. J. Hunter	Concord.
26	F. M. Allen	Mocksville.
27	J. P. Hall	Plum Tree.
28	L. M. Kerschner	Spencer.
29	A. J. Crane	Glass.
30	W. W. Edge	Morganton.
31	Edgar Tufts	Banner Elk.
32	A. S. Caldwell	Barium Springs.
33	C. W. Trawick	Hickory.
34	T. F. Haney	
35	J. H. Grey	Salisbury.
36	S. H. Williamson	Statesville.
37	D. P. McGeachy	Lenoir.
38	W. M. Sikes	

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

	MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE.
1	H. G. Hill, D. D.	Maxton.
2	David Fairley	Manchester.
3	A. N. Ferguson	Laurinburg.
4	K. M. McIntyre, D. D.	Carl.
5	J. S. Black	Linden.
6	P. R. Law	Lumber Bridge.
7	K. A. McLeod	Jonesboro.
8	M. N. McIver	Rockingham.

	MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE.
9	W. F. Thom	Gulf.
10	M. D. McNeill	Sanford.
11	L. L. Little	China.
12	W. R. Coppedge	Rockingham.
13	W. C. Buchanan	Japan.
14	C. G. Vardell, D. D.	Red Springs.
15	H. T. Graham	Fayetteville.
16	C. F. Rankin	Red Springs.
17	J. M. Rose, D. D.	Laurinburg.
18	G. T. Pace	Red Springs.
19	W. T. Walker	Rowland.
20	L. A. McLaurin	Raeford.
21	J. K. Roberts	Carthage.
22	J. A. Caligan	Antioch.
23	V. G. Smith	Fayetteville.
24	L. Smith	Dunn.
25	D. Munroe	Cotton.
26	E. W. Sonders	Fayetteville.
27	Joseph Evans	St. Paul's.
28	R. S. Arrowood	Elize.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

	MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE.
1	Colin Shaw	Klondyke.
2	James Kelly	Clarkton.
3	A. McFadyen	Clarkton.
4	Peter McIntyre	Faison.
5	A. D. McClure, D. D.	Wilmington.
6	S. H. Isler	Goldsboro.
7	J. E. L. Winecoff	Whiteville.
8	Wm. M. Shaw	Kenansville.
9	R. M. Williams	Wallace.
10	D. P. McGeachy	Davidson.
11	J. M. Wells, Ph. D.	Wilmington.
12	L. E. Wells	Teacheys.
13	R. M. Mann	Clinton.
14	T. D. Johnston	Burgaw.
15	J. S. Crowley	Wilmington.
16	L. W. Curtis	Wannabow.
17	W. P. Currie	Wallace.
18	Kenneth McCaskill	

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

	MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE.
1	J. R. McAlpine	Pineville.
2	S. C. Boyce	Monroe.
3	J. W. Moore	Susaki, Japan.
4	J. M. Grier, D. D.	Caldwell.
5	William Black	Davidson.
6	T. J. Allison	Monroe.
7	J. R. Howerton, D. D.	Charlottte.
8	J. A. Dorritee	Charlotte.
9	S. H. Spencer	Morven.
10	J. A. McMurray	Matthews.
11	A. H. Temple	Locust.
12	J. R. Bridges, D. D.	Charlotte.
13	W. O. Sample	Charlotte, R. F. D.
14	G. C. Huntington	Charlotte.
15	G. W. Belk	Charlotte.
16	G. L. Cook	Charlotte, R. F. D.
17	W. H. Davis	Charlotte, R. F. D.
18	A. J. McKelway, D. D.	Charlotte.
19	D. McIver	Wadesboro.
20	J. H. Dixon	Waxhaw.
21	Geo. H. Atkinson	Monroe.
22	P. H. Gwynn	Charlotte, R. F. D.
23	J. B. Mack, D. D.	Fort Mill, S. C.
24	J. E. Summers	Derita.
25	M. D. Hardin, D. D.	Charlotte.
26	H. M. Pressley	Charlotte.
27	T. W. DeVane	Morven.
28	L. D. Noel	Charlotte.
29	E. B. Robinson	Marshville.
30	W. M. Walsh	Charlotte.

VI.—ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY.

	MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE.
1	F. W. Farries	Goldsboro.
2	James Thomas	Wilson.
3	E. D. Brown	Kinston.
4	L. C. Vass	Leopoldville Africa
5	W. D. Morton, D. D.	Rocky Mount.
6	E. P. Bradley	Williamsboro.
7	H. S. Bradshaw	Newbern.
8	John E. Wool	Oxford.

	MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE.
9	J. H. Jarvis	Swans Quarter.
10	J. H. Henderlite	Henderson.
11	R. W. Alexander	Tarboro.
12	F. G. Hartman	Greenville.
13	C. W. McDanald	Washington.
14	A. H. Moment, D. D.	Raleigh.
15	M. McG. Shields	Goldsboro.

VII.—ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

	MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE.
1	E. A. Sample	Hendersonville.
2	R. F. Campbell, D. D.	Asheville.
3	R. P. Smith	Asheville.
4	R. S. Eskridge	Swannanoa.
5	C. C. Brown	Mills River.
6	R. B. Grinnan, D. D.	Hendersonville.
7	J. C. Hardin	Canton.
8	C. A. Campbell, Ph. D.	Waynesville.
9	C. B. Currie	Brevard.

VIII.—KING'S MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERY.

	MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE.
1	R. Z. Johnston	Lincolnton.
2	J. J. Kennedy	Gastonia.
3	R. A. Miller	Lowell.
4	G. A. Sparrow	Lowell, R. F. D.
5	R. C. Morrison	Wildemere.
6	T. F. Boozer	Gaffney, S. C.
7	M. A. Henderson	Rutherfordton.
8	W. R. Minter	Shelby.
9	T. C. Croker	Columbus.
10	S. L. Cathey	Rutherfordton.
11	J. M. Forbis	King's Mountain.
12	W. A. Murray	Lincolnton.
13	J. B. Cochrane	Lowell, R. F. D.
14	Cornelius Miller	Dallas.

F.

DAILY ORDER OF BUSINESS.

(FROM 22ND RULE OF THE RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY ORDER, APPROVED BY THE SYNOD—STANDING RULE 17.)

1. Prayer.
2. Minutes read.
3. Presentation of papers.
   (a) Communications addressed to the body.
   (b) Reports of Standing Committees.
   (c) Reports of Select Committees.
   (d) Resolutions.

[Each of which papers may, by unanimous consent, be taken up immediately on presentation; but if objection be made, it shall be docketed.]

4. The Unfinished Business in which the Court was engaged at the last preceding adjournment in preference to the Orders of the Day.

[But such Unfinished Business may, on motion, without debate, be laid on the table to proceed with the Special Order.]

5. The Order of the Day.
6. Regular Docket.

[Motions to elect officers, to appoint committees, and to enroll members, shall always be in order, unless a member is speaking or the Court is voting.]

NOTE.—If the Unfinished Business be laid on the table in order to proceed with the Order of the Day, when the order has been disposed of such Unfinished Business has precedence of the Regular Docket.

G.

THE DOCKET

OF THE NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE HELD IN THE "SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE AND CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC," RED SPRINGS, N. C., ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 1905, AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M.

Organized

I.—ORGANIZATION.

1. A sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. J. M. Grier, D. D.
2. Synod Constituted with prayer.
3. Report of Committee on Enrollment and Roll Call.
4. Moderator and Temporary Clerks elected.
5. Fix the hours of daily Meeting and Adjourning—Recess or Temporary adjournment with Prayer, is now in order.

II.—DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

III.—READING THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

Standing Committees Appointed

IV.—APPOINT THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. On Devotional Exercises.
2. On Special Orders.
3. On Bills and Overtures.
4. A Judicial Committee.
5. On the Narratives—to prepare an Address to the Churches.
6. On the Minutes of the General Assembly.
7. On Union Theological Seminary.
8. On Systematic Beneficence—Reports.
9. On Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries.
10. On the Treasurer's Report and Books.
11. On the Records of Synod.
12. On the Records of the Presbyteries.
    - *a.* Orange.
    - *b.* Concord.
    - *c.* Fayetteville.
    - *d.* Wilmington.
    - *e.* Mecklenburg.
    - *f.* Albemarle.
    - *g.* Asheville
    - *h.* Kings Mountain.

    } Committees, see rule 29.

13. On Leave of Absence. See Rule 3 and 21.

Referred to this Committee—All excuses for absence from the last and present meetings of Synod, for tardiness, for absence without leave from last meeting, and for leave of absence from this meeting.

The following ministers were absent from the last meeting of Synod (1904) without excuse rendered—See Minutes, Vol. 7, page 49.

1. *Orange*—R. W. George, S. C. Smith, J. C. Story, B. B. Palmer and J. S. Morrow (Col.).
2. *Concord*—B. L. Beall, W. R. McLelland, E. E. Pressly, J. M. Greenlee, J. A. McLain, J. P. Hall, L. M. Kerschner, A. S. Caldwell, S. H. Williamson.
3. *Fayetteville*—D. Fairley, J. B. Black, K. A. McLeod, M. N. McIver, C. F. Rankin, G. T. Pace, L. A. McLaurin.
4. *Wilmington*—J. E. L. Winecoff, W. M. Shaw, L. E. Wells, D. T. Johnston, L. W. Curtis.
5. *Mecklenburg*—J. R. McAlpine, J. A. Dorrittee, S. H. Spencer, J. A. McMurray, A. H. Temple, W. O. Sample, W. H. Davis, D. McIver, J. H. Dixon, J. E. Summers, H. M. Pressly, L. D. Noel, C. B. Robinson, W. M. Walsh.
6. *Albemarle*—J. H. Jarvis, C. W. McDanald.
7. *Asheville*—E. A. Sample, R. S. Eskridge.
8. *King's Mountain*—T. F. Boozer, M. A. Henderson, T. C. Croker, J. M. Forbis, J. B. Cochrane, Cornelius Miller.

Reports Presented and Referred

V.—COMMUNICATIONS READ AND REFERRED.

1. Narratives presented and referred.
2. Report of Directors of Union Theological Seminary read and referred.
3. Reports on Systematic Beneficence presented and referred.
4. Statistical Reports presented and referred.
5. Report of Treasurer read and referred.
6. The Records of Synod presented and referred.
7. Records of Presbyteries presented and referred.
8. Special Orders of the day—referred.
9. Appointment of Directors Union Theological Seminary—referred.

NOTE: The term of office of the Fourth Class expires at this meeting of Synod, viz.: Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D., and Mr. B. F. Hall.

Standing Orders

VI.—STANDING ORDERS OF SYNOD.

1. Synodical Communion, Wednesday 11 a. m.
2. Memorial Services immediately after Communion.
3. Devotional Exercises and Preaching each day at last morning hour.
4. Synod recedes from business the afternoon of Second Day.
5. Third Day at 11 o'clock a. m., Devotional Exercises under the direction of the Regents of the Orphans' Home—the Report and a Sermon.
6. Third Day afternoon, the Report and a Conference on the Sabbath.
7. Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock Ministerial Relief and Ministerial Education—Popular Meeting.

Report of Permanent Committees

VII.—REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND POPULAR MEETINGS.

1. Foreign Missions, Wednesday night—Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Chairman.
2. Synodical Home Missions, Thursday night—Rev. R. P. Smith, Supt. and Chairman.
3. Colored Evangelization, Friday night—Rev. D. Clay Lilly, D. D., Chairman.
4. Ministerial Education and Relief—Rev. A. T. Graham, Chairman.
5. Church and Christian Education—Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D. Chairman.
6. Publication and Sabbath School Work, Friday night—Rev. G. H. Cornelson, Chairman.
7. Report of the Board of Regents of Orphans' Home—Third day at 11 a. m.—Dr. Rumple.
8. Bible Cause—Rev. J. M. Wells, Chairman.
9. The Sabbath and Family Religion—Rev. W. D. Morton, Chairman.
10. Assembly's Home Missions—Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., Chairman
11. Historical Committee Rev. D. I. Craig, Chairman

Miscellaneous.

VIII.—MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS, ETC.

1. Report of Regents of South Atlantic University—Dr Shearer.
2. Report of Committee on 20th Century Fund—Dr. Egbert W. Smith.
3. Report of Committee on 20th Century Builders' Fund—Rev. R. W. Hines, Chairman.
4. Reports of Standing Committees.
5. Reports of ad-interim Committees.

(*a*) On changing form of Government—Rev. William Black.

(*b*) On Revising the Standing Rules of Synod—The Stated Clerk.

(*c*) On Evangelistic and Biblical Institute—Rev. Wm. Black.

6. Reports of Special Committees.
7. Election of Supt. of Synodical Home Missions.
8. Election of Ruling Elders on Synodical Com.
9. Election of General Synodical Evangelist.
10. Elect a place and fix the time for next meeting of Synod.
11. How many Copies of Minutes shall be printed.
12. Roll Call and Absentees noted.
13. Minutes read and approved.
14. Adjourn, with Singing, Prayer and Benediction.

STATED CLERK.